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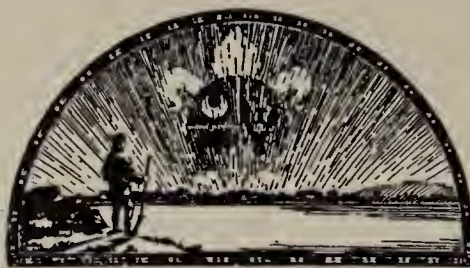
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We are not professional genealogists. Becoming interested in knowing more about our forebears than we could learn from our immediate relations, we began many years ago searching for information about our ancestors. We made family research our pastime. The work required patience, careful checking of names, clear thinking, and research without end. We found it not easy to get facts with supporting evidence, and it has been our purpose and aim to include only statements that are supported by satisfactory evidence. Sometimes our efforts brought disappointment, but never discouragement.

The search took us to many counties in Missouri, Illinois, Kentucky, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, Tennessee, and Louisiana. Some of these states were visited repeatedly during the last twenty-five years.

We carefully examined records in the courthouses, especially Land Records, Wills of Record, and Probate Court Records and proceedings in partition suits; church records; family Bibles; state historical society collections;



materials in the Library of Congress as well as those in school and other types of libraries. We read many books, mostly histories, and had uncounted talks with people we thought might give us information. Inscriptions in numerous cemeteries have provided facts and clues.

We have met some very interesting people and have in various courthouses and libraries been treated most courteously by the officers in charge and their staffs, all of whom have been very generous with their time and skill.

We want to acknowledge our indebtedness to certain individuals for assistance: Mr. W. H. Cushman, an aged citizen of New Market, Virginia, who took us to three places where members of the Bird family had lived, and to an old abandoned cemetery in a field near Craney Island where we dug up a piece of tombstone on which was inscribed "Andrew Bird and Consort," also to the old Mounce Bird home on Smith's Creek; Mr. W. Kizziah of Salisbury, North Carolina, the county clerk and recognized as the best informed local person; Miss Audrey Chaney of Sikeston, Missouri, a descendant of Hannah Hunter who married Mark H. Stallcup, a merchant of Winchester, Missouri; Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Hunter and Mrs. Howard Crisler of New Madrid, Missouri; Miss Adelia Laycock of Baton Rouge, Louisiana; Miss Lucy Bird of Bird's Point, Missouri, who possesses many old papers

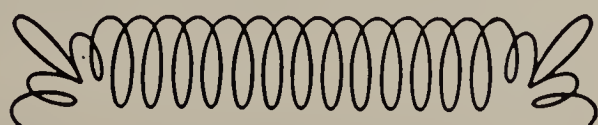


and documents relating to her great grandfather and great, great grandfather, including the family Bible of John Bird, her grandfather; Mr. Joseph H. Moore of Charleston, Missouri; Mr. Richard M. Phillips, now deceased; and others with family Bibles and special information.

We are especially indebted to Mr. Felix E. Snider of Kent Library, Cape Girardeau, Missouri, for assistance in putting the partial genealogies we have compiled in a usable form.

If the information here recorded should prove of value and assistance to the descendants and friends of the eight families, all related to us, then we shall have been amply paid for our time and work. The searching and recording has afforded us much pleasure.

STEPHEN BEN HUNTER.  
MARY MEDLEY HUNTER.



## EDITOR ' S   P R E F A C E

The mass of genealogical and biographical material included in this volume represents more than a quarter century of time, thousands of miles of travel, many, many hours of meticulous work, and the financial subsidy of its editing and publication on the part of Mr. & Mrs. Stephen B. Hunter. That it has been a hobby and a labor of love detracts not at all from its interest and value, not only to the Hunters and their related families but to all who are appreciative of the history of our part of the country.

Naturally such a record cannot be complete. In spite of long and often disappointing search, many of the wanted details are not available. Births, marriages, and deaths constantly add to the record. Mistakes, discrepancies, and oversights are unavoidable, but it is hoped have been kept at a minimum.

In an effort to overcome some of these imperfections insofar as possible, Mrs. Abraham Jackson Hunter, Route #4 Box 346, Sikeston, Missouri, has graciously agreed to maintain a master copy. Any addition, correction, or queries may be directed to her for attention.

Since each of us is born and must die, place and date of birth and death are ready means of identification. Such information, when available, is usually given directly after each name when it is first mentioned. If not known or yet to happen, space is often left for its insertion.

Next are given parents, sometimes with known pertinent information if they are not discussed elsewhere. Often other items of interest, such as residences, migrations, occupations, accomplishments, affiliations, place of interment, and so forth, are given. Except for the descendants of Joseph Hunter II, collateral relatives are mentioned only incidentally.

Spouse and date of marriage follow, and children are, of course, recorded with pertinent facts about them. If one has a fuller separate entry later, only the proper reference number is given.

Since the same names appear in many generations and various branches of a family, an index numbering system is necessary. The one used is unique, but it is believed to be simple and efficient. Numbers are assigned only when the individual's account is listed separately, but can readily be determined for anyone in the line.

A single digit represents the first generation of descendants of a founder; two digits, the second generation; three digits, the third; and so on. Thus one (1) would be the first known child of a founder; two (2) the second one; until all are included. In the event the total in any case exceeds

nine (9), the figure must be bracketed to show that it performs as a single figure; for example, a tenth child would be shown 10. To further illustrate the plan, one-three (13) means the third child of the first child of the founder; two-ten-three-four (21034) would indicate, by reading from right to left, an individual of the fourth generation thus: the 4th child of the 3rd child of the 10th child of the 2nd child of the founder.

A solid line underscore designated an ancestor of Mr. Hunter; a broken line underscore an ancestor of Mrs. Hunter.

I, like Mr. & Mrs. Stephen B. Hunter, am not a professional genealogist. So this book is entirely the work of amateurs and no pretense is made otherwise. I sincerely hope you find it interesting and useful; working on it has been a long and tedious but absorbing task.

F. E. S.





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## ANENT STEPHEN B. HUNTER ACCOUNT

The brief account given on pages 141-4 is virtually as written by Mr. Hunter who is a very modest man. I fear it would give a stranger little appreciation of his stature and ability. For years "Uncle Steve" has been one of the elder statesmen of the Hunter Clan as was his father.

Uncle Steve's vital interest and quick, analytical mind have been the source of sound advice, sometimes of pecuniary assistance, that helped many people to a better life. His tenants have been treated almost as members of the family and their successes have been a pleasure to him.

As an example of his unheralded public service, he for many years served with such men as Benson Hardesty, George Naeter, and Walter Parker as Executive Committeeman and financial supported of the Associated Committee for Historic Cape Girardeau whose purpose was the preservation, development, and proper marking of historic sites in and near Cape Girardeau.

The Steve Hunters have always maintained a keen mental curiosity about people and places. They meet people and make friends easily. Any worthy cause receives kindly hearing from them.

Mrs. Hunter, a person of great dignity and quiet charm, is very artistic and learned, particularly in the languages and literatures of the countries she visited in their many travels. She is proud, though not boastful, of her ancestral lineago going back to British royalty. F.E.S.

## Chapter One

# THE HUNTER FAMILY

## INTRODUCTION

The Hunter family originated in Scotland. There are still a great many Hunters in that country. Some very distinguished men bearing the name of Hunter have come from southwest Scotland.

The Encyclopedia Britannica, eleventh edition, refers to John Hunter, the noted surgeon of the seventeen hundreds, saying that his father, born about 1663, descended from the old Ayrshire family of Hunters of Hunterston, Scotland.

The Great Smokies and the Blue Ridge, edited by Roderick Peattie states:

"In 1607 James the First, for whom Jamestown was named, himself instigated quite another sort of colony. He declared the lands of the rebellious Earls of Northern Ireland were forfeited to the Crown, and he opened them for settlement.

"Then began a great emigration from the over crowded lowlands of Scotland, where a breed of war-like, intensely Protestant, land-famished people were ready to jump at the King's invitation to colonize Ulster. Certain tracts were reserved to the Irish; for the rest, the land was seized by fifty thousand invaders who, as Lord Bryce understates it 'Somewhat uncereemoniously drove the Irish into Glens of Antrim and the Mountains of Mourne.'

"At first the Ulstermen were well content in Northern Ireland. They did a fine business exporting beef, pork, mutton and wool to England. The people were a lusty lot--'Presbyterians and Phanatiques' as one old account put it--able-bodied, hardy and stout men. They were very numerous and greedy after land. Between 1635 and 1699 Parliament passed a series of acts prohibiting Ulstermen from exporting their products to England and Scotland, and at the same time it put Presbyterians under severe disabilities and tithed them for support of the Church of England. The Act of 1704 imposed final indignities--Presbyterians were forbidden to hold civil or military offices and their clergymen were forbidden to celebrate marriages. Thus driven by economic necessity, goaded by attempts to cramp their natural ability, these high-spirited Ulstermen began their exodus to America. Along with them came native Irishmen too, and some Welchmen--a Keltic company altogether.

"Usually they disembarked at Philadelphia,



at Lewis, or at the old Swedish settlement of New Castle in Delaware. In 1729 six thousand arrived in Pennsylvania in one year; soon after that 12,000 a year. They were bold indigent strangers, saying as their excuse when challenged for titles that they had been solicited for colonists and had come accordingly.

"The Scotch-Irish brought a tradition of highest courage, political freethinking and independence that saved the American Revolution at a critical moment and helped to save the Union. They were from the beginning, and they remain today, some of the most gifted and courageous and intelligent people that ever came to this country

"In the beginning in 1607 James I transplanted Scotch and English Presbyterians to Northern Counties of Ireland and called them Scotch-Irish, although they never got along with the Irish. Early in the 18th century they left the country entirely and came in great numbers to America."

William H. Engle in his History of Carlisle says:

"Many of the inhabitants were Presbyterians, of whom it is said:--They were patriots, haters of tyranny, known abettors of the earliest resistance to their civil rights."

Later King James, a Catholic, referred to them as Scot-Irish Presbyterian fanatics. In America they are called Scotch-Irish Americans to indicate the Scots of Ireland rather than the Scots of Scotland.

The Compendium of American Genealogy ...  
First Families of America (Chicago, Institute of  
American Genealogy, 1939) volume 5 page 739 says

"Andrew Hunter (1640-1734), of Clogan Estate, Londonderry Co., Ireland; b at his ancestral home, "Hunterston," Ayrshire, Scotland; copy of his will shows him to have owned considerable landed estate;

"Hugh (Hunter) (d 1732) of Clogan Estate; m Isabella Semple (their son Andrew was a Presbyterian clergyman...)"

NOTE:--The Hunters who migrated from this part of Scotland and Ireland may or maynot have been of the same family. We have no evidence to connect them. The Hunters who moved to Ireland, where there are today numerous persons of that name, settled in Ulster. Likely it was in Antrim County and perhaps later in Londonderry County. Londonderry city was an important port from which many emigrants to America took their departure. The quotation above will help us understand the type of people who made up these Scotch-Irish Presbyterian immigrants. We have tried to find in Ireland records of the families--baptisms, marriages, deaths, emigration, deeds, and so on--from 1704 to 1780. If there be any of a conclusive character, we failed to find them. The above excerpts merely show Hunters in Ireland were from Ayrshire, Scotland. No definite connection is established between the above Holmes or Hunters and Joseph Hunter of Carlisle, Pennsylvania. We found no substantiating



evidence to support a claim of such connection, and only give the above information to show that Hunters and Holmes families came from Ayrshire, Scotland, and we think Joseph Hunter's family was among them. S.B.H.

Undoubtedly the Hunter family, along with the Holmes, moved to Ireland with these people, and in turn emigrated to America.

MaryAnn Holmes was a Scotch-Irish Presbyterian in Antrim County, Ireland.

Joseph Hunter and MaryAnn Holmes were married in Ireland. They came to America and settled in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, and will be identified with that place.

We do not know the exact parish where they lived in Ireland. We do not know from what port they sailed when they left Ireland or the port of entry when they arrived in America; we can only surmise these things.

The first authentic information about Joseph Hunter in America is found in land records of Carlisle and in Cumberland County, Pennsylvania, where he was a resident and owner of real estate. The History of Carlisle lists him as a businessman, stating that he was one of the early settlers in Carlisle.

"FIRST SETTLERS--The first settlers in the North Valley and the region to the northward, embraced in what was Cumberland County were mostly Scotch-Irish, a fearless and aggressive

people who were impatient at the delays of the land-office, and began as early as 1740-42 to settle on lands to which the Indian's title had not been fully extinguished. . . . and the settlements were made principally on the Juniata River. . . . "

(From History of Cumberland County, Pennsylvania, 1886)

"The first known settlements in Cumberland County were made in 1730. . . . in 1748 there were 800 taxables in the valley, and in 1751 the number had increased to 1,100 indicating a population of at least 5,000 inhabitants. These, with the exception of about 50 German families in Franklin County were immigrants from Ireland and Scotland, and the descendants of those who had taken root in Lancaster County. In 1751 a sudden and large increase in the flow of immigrants commenced, . . . In 1730 Sec Logan (himself an Irishman) wrote thus: 'I must own from my own experience in the land office that the settlement of five families from Ireland gives me more trouble than fifty of any other people. . . . .'"

(From James B. Scoviler's History of the United Presbyterian Church of Big Spring, at Newville, Cumberland County, 1879, page 25)

Earliest list of taxables, largely from Rupp's History of Dauphin, Cumberland. . . Counties, includes the following:

East Pennsborough, 1750 . . . John Hunter,  
Patrick Holmes . . . (page 11)

Middleton, 1751 . . . Freeman in Middleton

and Carlisle... Andrew Holmes (page 15)  
John Holmes elected Sheriff October 5,  
1765 (page 200)  
East Pennsborough Township, 1762. ...  
Patrick Holmes. ...  
Carlisle, 1762. ... Abraham Holmes...  
Joseph Hunter. ... (page 27)  
West Pennsborough Township, 1762. ...  
James Hunter.. Thomas Holmes (page 28)  
Middleton Township, 1762.... Jonathan  
Holmes... Andrew Holmes (page 28)  
Hopewell Township, 1762. ... John Hunter  
William Hunter...

"April 12, 1756: Another party, under Captain Hamilton, William Hunter, wounded. . . . Missing: William Hunter. . . . Most of these men were from the oldest and most respected families in Cumberland County." (page 57-58)

That he had relatives in America is established by the following letter:

[illegible]

LETTER-JOSEPH HUNTER TO JAMES HUNTER

(Letter of Joseph Hunter of Carlisle, Pennsylvania, to his cousin James Hunter of Philadelphia relating to Indian depredations)

Carlisle, 24 July, 1768.

Cousin James, Sir. --Since my last 4 people hath been killed and scalp'd about 4 miles from Shippensburg--one Pommery's wife having been



scalp'd was carried home alive, but is since dead-- she was big with child. The people here are in the utmost consternation, what will be the event of these things. The Indians seem to be spirited up by reason of their success, as little opposition has been made to oppose their cruel proceedings. Its true we cannot complain of the Assembly because they comply'd to such measures as the Governor thought necessary for our Preservation, but the way they have falln on to raise the men will not answer -- The end for the men that had a mind to 'list will not take 1/6 p day, which continues only the time of Harvest or perhaps a month longer, when they can have 2/6 p day without any risque of their lives. and as for Sherman Valley, people that one would think was truly interested to go will not but would rather loose their Crops than be under the command of an officer; so that from these considerations you may judge the defenseless state we are in. If the Assembly and Governor had thought prudent to enlist the men a year or given bounty money together with 10 p scalp, the war I dare venture to say would be sooner at an end, and I am fully convinced less expense to the Province.

For by all appearances it will be a long tedious war, and if our troops that are on their way to Fort Pitt should have the misfortune to be defeated (which God forbid they should), you may judge yourself what will be the consequences and especially from the division that takes place among us which is an unhappy Omen of farther calamity if the Crops over the hills cannot be

We keep watch every night and are making a fort with redoubts around the Town. I think if I had the least aid I could make my house with 50 men act against 500 Indians be cause of its advantageous situation and good water. By this time I have tried your patience with so long an epistle but I am sur it is a true one. I remain with due esteem, your assured friend, Joseph Hunter.

[illegible]

Cumberland County, Pennsylvania, formerly included in Lancaster County, was established by the Act of January 27th 1750 and its limits included the whole country west to the boundary of the Province of Pennsylvania. The seat of justice was permanently located at Carlisle in 1753.

This explains the statement made that Philadelphia was once in Maryland. Lord Baltimore, proprietor of Maryland, claimed all the lands west of the Delaware River which included this part of Pennsylvania in Cecil County, Maryland. The Pennsylvania authorities, although the land had not been surveyed, had encouraged immigrants from North Ireland to settle in Cumberland County to prevent intruders from Maryland under Lord Baltimore's title.

The Holmes family was in Carlisle at the same time the Hunters lived there and a descendant of William Holmes, who lived in Clarksville, Tennessee, thought that his ancestor was related to the wife of Joseph Hunter. Information of a similar nature was also given by the grandson or great grandson of Andrew Holmes of Carlisle.

Titus' Picturesque Clarksville, page 272, has the following: "Dr. Wm. I. Holmes born in Cumberland County, Pennsylvania. His father, Andrew Holmes, born in Pennsylvania, 1770. His grandfather was born in Ireland in 1730; emigrated to America in 1756; was commander of a company of Rangers in the Revolutionary War."

The presence of the Holmes family at an early



date is shown by the following Deed of Conveyance from page 477, Book H, volume I--1798 to 1800:

"Deed of Conveyance. . . Andrew Homes, (!) Senior & Jeane Holmes to Andrew Holmes, Jr. dated 25th Jany 1800 in Middleton Township, Cumberland County, Penna. . . . Whereas the late proprietaries of Penna by their patents duly executed one bearing date April 15, 1773, the other bearing date of 12 of May 1761 granting to Andrew Holmes the elder the second tract of land adjoining."

Many of the people coming to America from Europe in the 1700s believed they were coming to a place where they could enjoy more personal freedom and freedom of worship. They were land hungry, and found that land was the principal value of wealth in their new environment. Many of them became land speculators.

William H. Engle in his History of Carlisle says:

"Joseph Hunter was not an exception. He had real estate in Cumberland County."

The Pennsylvania Archives, Series 3, volume 1, page 698 describes lands of Joseph Hunter at "the foot of Laurel Hill upon Braddocks Road. . ." John Little claimed land in Fayette County in the name of Joseph Hunter, 300 acres.

Series 3, volume 2, page 308 lists Land Office Records of July 19th 1765 showing Sheriff's deed to Joseph Hunter 400 acres on north side of

Frankstown branch of Juniata River, known as Standing Stone in Cumberland County, Pennsylvania.

The Standing Stone between Alleghany and Juniata above Second Street in the Borough of Huntington described by John Harris in 1754 as being 14 feet high and about 6 inches square. It was erected by the Indians and covered with hieroglyphic carvings. The natives regarded the stone with great veneration.(Engle,Wm. H. Ibid.)

Series 2, volume 1, page 350 notes Land Office Records of June 1766:"Joseph Hunter--Some land surveyed by James Hunter, Deputy Surveyor." -- page 659 of the same volume states: "Mr. Abraham Usher by his memorial sets forth that he was invested with the right to a tract of land the property of Joseph Hunter on the east side of Youghiogheny River adjoining land of Mary Hunter, James Hunter, et al, now in Westmoreland County."

Washington County, Pennsylvania, Record Book No. 2. pages 256-7 records a sale by the High Sheriff Ezekial Denning, Esquire, of property on the north side of Frankstown branch of Juniata River (Standing Stone tract) to the highest bidder, Joseph Hunter, Innkeeper. It had belonged to Hugh Crawford.

The Pennsylvania Archives, Series 2, volume 3 page 303 names Joseph Hunter and Isaac Ogden as inhabitants of Cumberland County. Also on page 600 is named William Linn as a resident...

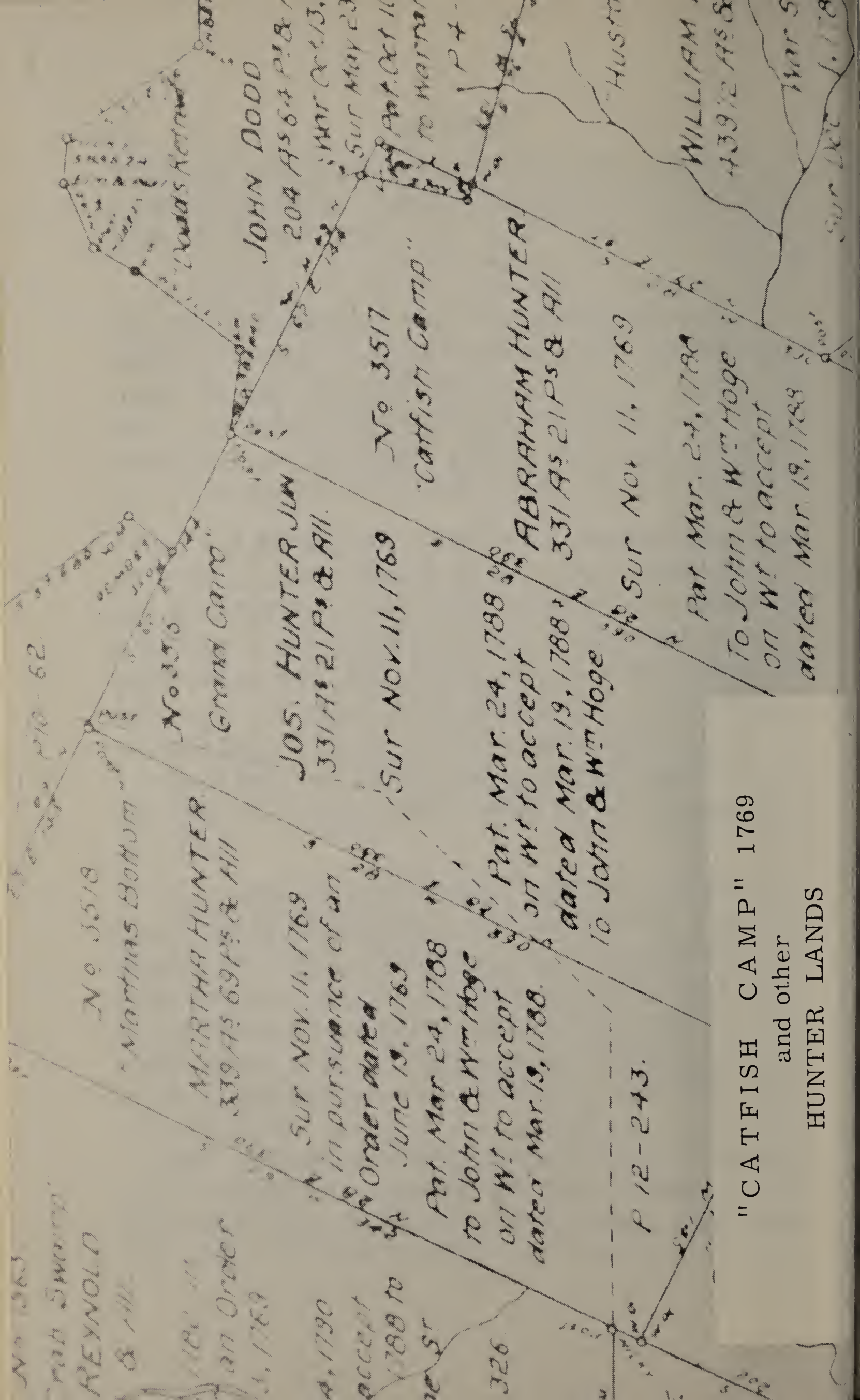
Similar information was supplied by Major Joseph Hunter McArthur (1826-1898). He was a son of John McArthur and Mary Ann Linn McArthur, a sister of Senator Lewis F. Linn.

There is a tradition down through four or five generations that Joseph Hunter I, an ardent Presbyterian, once gave a preacher a tract of land to come to western Pennsylvania and preach two or three sermons. This tradition is confirmed by the Reverend David McClure as follows:

"At Hunter's on the Youghiogheny I preached two sermons to a serious and attentive audience. Some of the settlers here had not heard a sermon in fourteen years. There was no minister or church west of the Appalachian Mountains. Aug 30th 1772."(Diary of David McClure, pages 119-20 in Pen Pictures of Western Pennsylvania, edited by John W. Harper. Pittsburgh, University of Pittsburgh Press.

Another tradition handed down for generations is that Joseph Hunter owned in Washington County, Pennsylvania, a large tract of land known as "Cat Fish Camp." The truth of this tradition has been confirmed by a plat found in the Courthouse at Washington, Pennsylvania. A map of the borough of Washington on which was indicated a tract of land, a parallelogram, bearing the names of Joseph Hunter I and three of his children--Martha, Joseph Junior, and Abraham. Copies of this map were made by Mr. A. M. Crumrine who was





"CATFISH CAMP" 1769  
and other  
HUNTER LANDS



in the County Engineer's Office at Washington, Pennsylvania. One such copy is in the possession of Joseph Hunter Moore of Charleston, Missouri. Other copies are in the possession of Thomas A. Byrd, also of Charleston, and Mrs. Rebecca Frisell of Cape Girardeau (now deceased).

The warrants, one to each of the persons named on the map, were dated June 19th 1769. . . . Warrant No. 3517 to Abraham Hunter refers to a tract of 331 acres and 21 perches named "Cat Fish Camp" lying on Cat Fish River, a small tributary of Chartier Creek. On the north side of this tract was the land of Joseph Hunter Junior Warrant No. 3516, named in the survey "Grand Cairo" containing 331 acres and 21 perches. Warrant No. 3518 named in the survey "Martha's Bottom" containing 339 acres and 69 perches designated to Martha Hunter. The borough which became such by early incorporation, included no part of this tract. (See History of Washington. . . County with Biographical Sketches of the Pioneers and Prominent Men by Boyd Crumrine. Philadelphia, T. H. Everts & Company, 1882)

The History of Washington County, Pennsylvania, by Boyd Crumrine, page 38 states:

"Just when Tingoocque settled on Wissamoking, the Indian name for Cat Fish Creek, is not known; but that he was camped on the present site of Washington (Pennsylvania) as early as 1669 was known by William Huston, Joseph Hunter, Abraham Hunter, (this A-

braham was not the son of Joseph Hunter, though he had a small son, Abraham) and other pioneer settlers of this section."

Joseph Hunter I lived in western Pennsylvania but never on his "Cat Fish Camp" property. At the time the area west of the Monongahela River where he lived was claimed by both Virginia and Pennsylvania. Both colonies were attempting to exercise authority and conditions were far from being tranquil.

In addition the Indians had a record of savagery in that region not surpassed by their atrocities in any other part of the country.

Here were born most, if not all, of the children of Joseph and Mary Ann Holmes Hunter. Here was a man of strong character and great energy; truly a leader of men. His acquisition of Pennsylvania lands in Carlisle, at Standing Stone, at Laurel Hill, on the Youghiogheny River, and at "Cat Fish Camp" indicates his ability to adjust to frontier conditions. His pioneer spirit was demonstrated when he moved to western Pennsylvania, and again when he journeyed to the far Falls of the Ohio to make his home. Here he was equally successful.

The War of the Revolution was being prosecuted and General George Rogers Clark was gathering an army at Red Stone, now Brownsville, to conquer what was called the Northwest Territory.

At the same time Joseph Hunter and his family, along with a number of other men and their families, boarded boats and descended the river to the Ohio. They proceeded down the Ohio River to Corn Island at the Falls of the Ohio. This is now Louisville, Kentucky. These were the first settlers on Corn Island.

General Clark's army and the eighteen or twenty families, including Joseph Hunter's, landed on Corn Island in May 1778. It was from this point General Clark's expedition started about a month later to capture Vincennes in Indiana and Kaskaskia and other points in the Illinois Territory. This secured for the United States control of the Northwest Territory, the area west and north of the Ohio River to the Mississippi River, that had formerly been in possession of the British.

Thomas Jefferson, Governor of Virginia which at that time included all of the present territory of Kentucky recommended the establishment of a fort to command the river just below the junction of the Ohio and Mississippi. In September 1779 General Clark issued orders providing for the construction of a fort near the mouth of the Ohio River. Captain Silas Martin was authorized to raise any number of persons that he could get to become settlers at said fort. These settlers were to be paid as militiamen as long as it was necessary. The expedition under General Clark went from the Falls of the Ohio and established such a fort, calling it Fort Jefferson.



This expedition included the families of Captain Joseph Hunter I, Phelps, John Burks, and several single men who belonged to the Illinois Regiment among them Israel Dodge who married Nancy Ann Hunter, daughter of Captain Joseph Hunter. The marriage ceremony was performed in the fort by Captain Joseph Hunter. It appears that he exercised some sort of civil as well as military jurisdiction. (From an article by Thomas Joyce. See Gilson Papers No. 8, Filson Club Library, Louisville, Kentucky)

The fort was located at a point just below the present town of Wickliff, Kentucky. Its building so incensed the Indians, not only of Kentucky but also of what is now Tennessee, that they laid siege to the fort with perhaps as many as twelve hundred warriors.

The marauding Indians destroyed all the crops and drove off the livestock of the settlers. The state of siege continued until the people were facing starvation. The story is told that Joseph, son of Captain Joseph Hunter, frequently swam across the mighty Mississippi River into hostile Spanish Territory in the darkness of night to avoid detection by the Indians. Here he would hunt and kill game and swim back with it the next night to feed the hungry people.

Another account relates that the only milch cow in the fort in some manner got outside the stockade and the Indians were trying to entice her out of range of the rifles in the garrison.



Nancy Hunter bravely led the cow's calf out where the cow could see it and thus led the cow back into the fort--but only after having her clothes literally shredded with arrows. Fortunately she was not seriously injured.

Another story concerns a barge coming down-river with supplies to relieve the stricken fort unknowingly passing them in the night. Since no means were available for upstream propulsion of such craft, the leader decided to go on to New Orleans and sell his produce. A forlorn hope, as it proved, for the Spanish authorities immediately confiscated the barge and its cargo, and only released the men after considerable delay.

Joseph Hunter wrote General Clark as follows:

HHH

## LETTER OF JOSEPH HUNTER 1ST

# Fort Jefferson

April 20th, 1781

Dear General, -

It gives me the greatest satisfaction to hear of your advancement, and that your usual good fortune has attended you thro all your enterprises since we had the pleasure of seeing you here. At the same time that I received so much satisfaction in these particulars I cannot avoid expressing the uneasiness I feel at the prospect of our little settlement being broke up, and that chiefly for want of the personal pres-

ence of its first founder and benefactor. I doubt not your great good will toward us, but since a new field is now opened for you, wherein to exercise those great talents you are possessed of which must inevitably take off your attention from an object so inconsiderable as the encouragement of this settlement already broke and laboring under more impediments than if it had never been attempted.

I am far from reflecting the least blame on you, but with cheerfulness struggled against every vicissitude my lowly circumstances exposes me unto here. I lost almost all my stock, grain, etc., nevertheless I do not repine, hoping through your influence that the government will not overlook me, as I may say I have borne the burden and the heat of the day. What grain I raise the troops have used, tho I cannot but in justice say that Capn. George hath done the part of a good officer and likewise all the other officers hath treated me with all the possible marks of esteem, but if his excellency General Washington was to command here he would not please all the people.

It's my sincere wish that success may attend you through all your enterprises and that God, by His kind providence, may preserve you from your cruel enemies and crown your endeavors and that I may be so happy to see you return to see a good settlement at the Iron Banks.

I am, dear General, with the greatest es-





"The first social party given in Louisville was at the home of Mrs. Donne and was in honor of the first wheat crop.

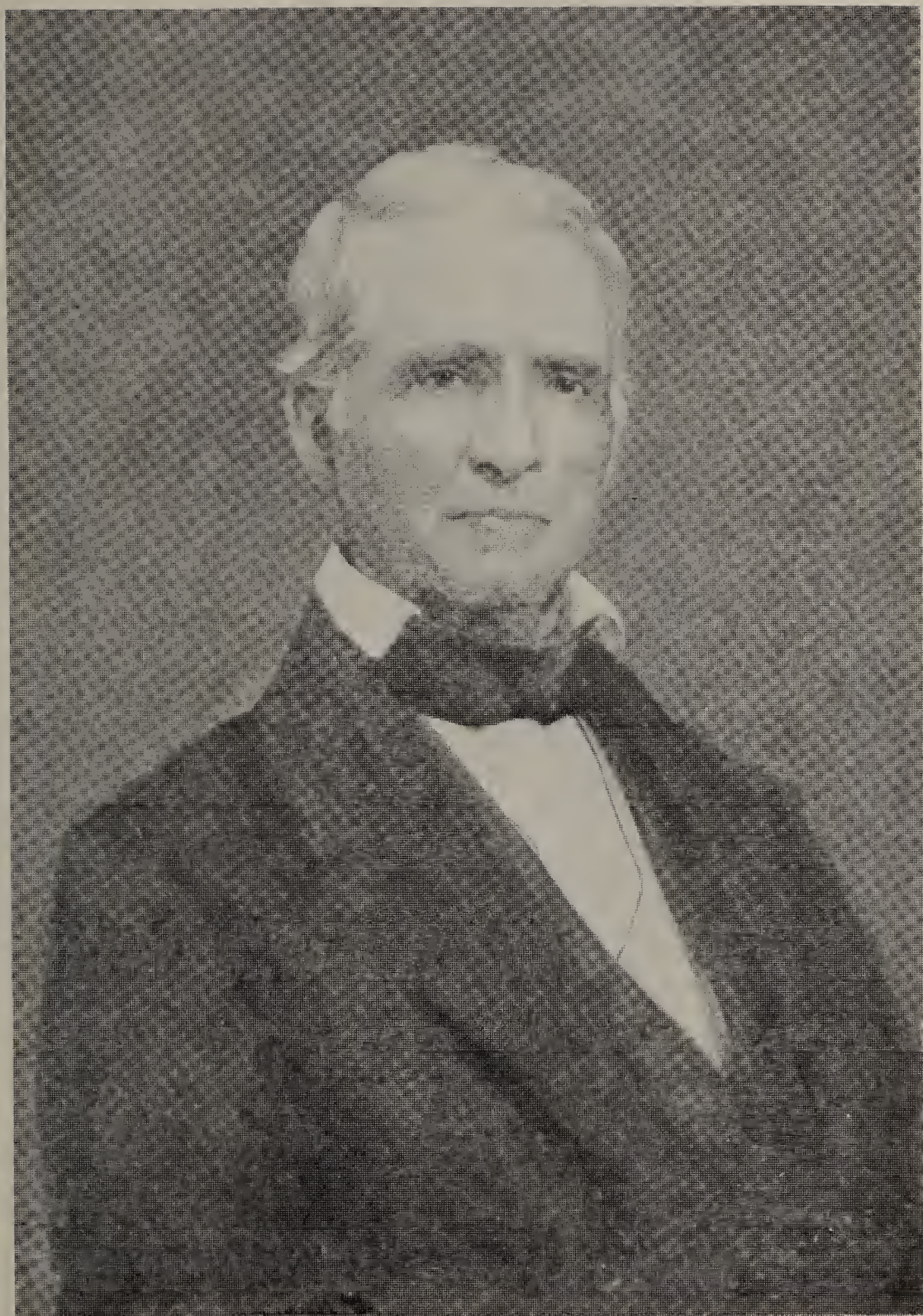
"The wheat was cut with a reap-hook, threshed with a flail, ground on a hand mill, and bolted through a gauze handkerchief which Mrs. Donne had brought from Pennsylvania. the flour thus made was shortened with raccoon fat, baked on a skillet and the elite of the town invited to partake of a flour cake. After the feast, Cato Watts, a slave belonging to Major Donne, played the fiddle for dancing.

"The same slave afterwards murdered his master, was tried by a jury and hung, being the first person hung in Louisville." (From Cassedy's History of Louisville and an account given the writer by John Donne, son of Martha Donne who gave the party)

General Henry Dodge, grandson of Joseph Hunter I, told Mr. Draper of the Wisconsin Historical Society in an interview June 29th 1855 that Joseph Hunter removed to the neighborhood of Louisville after Fort Jefferson was abandoned in 1781 and died there in December; was a man of energy and very fond of reading. At the time of his death he was living with his daughter, Jane, the wife of Captain Joshua Archer, a soldier and officer of the Virginia line who had moved to Kentucky.

Joseph and Mary Ann Holmes Hunter had the following children: Martha who married Major John Donne; Jane who married Captain Joshua





(MOSES) HENRY DODGE

1782 - 1867



Archer; James; David; Joseph Junior progenitor of the Hunters of Southeast Missouri; Nancy Ann who married Israel Dodge; Abraham and a daughter, name unknown, who were killed by the Indians.

Israel Dodge was a descendant of Tristram Dodge who was one of the original proprietors and settlers of Block Island on the Atlantic coast in 1661. At seventeen years of age he was in the Patriot Army and was wounded at Brandywine.

The first child of Israel and Nancy Hunter Dodge was born at Fort Vincennes at the house of Moses Henry. Since Henry was a trader in the employ of the British, Indians often came to the house. One of such a party of Hawkinshaw Indians, upon seeing the child, said, "Nits make lice." Though dissatisfied, they finally left after much persuasion. Mrs. Dodge was hurried away and hidden for fear of their return. In gratitude for this service she named the son Moses Henry Dodge. The first part of the name was dropped, later, and he became known in history as Henry Dodge. He was the first American child born in what is now the state of Indiana. He became a General in the United States Army, the Governor of Wisconsin, and a United States Senator from that state. He had a son, August C., who became Governor of Iowa, a United States Senator from that state, and a Minister to Spain.

Nancy's second child was a daughter.

The second marriage of Nancy Hunter Dodge was to Ashael Linn, son of the noted Colonel William Linn of Revolutionary War fame who came



*L. F. Linn*

SENATOR LEWIS F. LINN  
of  
MISSOURI



from Pennsylvania to Louisville where he was killed in 1781 by the Indians. To this marriage were born two children. The daughter, Mary Ann, married John McArthur and had a son Joseph Hunter McArthur (1825-1898) of Chicago, Illinois, who graduated from West Point in 1845 and became a major in the United States Army.

The son of Ashael and Nancy Hunter Dodge Linn was Dr. Lewis F. Linn of Ste. Genevieve, Missouri, who was a United States Senator from that state.

Thus Nancy Ann Hunter Dodge Linn had the very unusual distinction of having two sons and a grandson who became United States Senators, all of whom are well known to students of history.

Nancy, known as a heroine for her fearless act at Fort Jefferson, was an intelligent and attractive woman. Living at Bardstown, an early social, education, political, and legal center, she came in contact with the brightest legal and political minds of the West.

Judge Rowan and Felix Grundy, later a United States Senator of Tennessee, and a contemporary of "Andy" Jackson and Senator Thomas H. Benton of Missouri, in writing of her said, "I esteem her as one of the most rarely gifted and wonderful ladies I ever met."

James Hunter, known as one of the "Long Hunters", most likely had on some hunting expedition visited Kentucky before the Joseph Hunter



family moved there. A History of Louisville records that James Hunter and Israel Linn, his brother-in-law, contracted to build a bridge over Bear Creek. Marriage records of Louisville show that he married .....

Joseph Hunter's will reads as follows:

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WILL OF JOSEPH HUNTER I  
OF LOUISVILLE KY

I Joseph Hunter of Jefferson County and State of Kentucky being weak in Body but in sound mind and memory do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in the words & form following.

I do will and devise to William Linn and his Heirs Seventy acres of land to laid off as follows being a part of the Tract on which I now live. To begin at Edward & Will Goodwins N. East corner and at my N. West Corner being one and the same corner & to run South with Goodwins and Hunter's line till it reaches the dry lands or the foot of the ridge on the South side of Mill Creek. Thence so far East that a line North and West to the beginning will include the Quantity.

I do will and devise to Asakel Linn his Heirs  
Twenty acres of land being a part of the tract  
above mentioned to be laid off in the following  
manner to begin at my North East corner & to

run West with a line of Survey till it strikes William Linn's N. East corner of his Seventy acre Survey, thence South with said Linn's line so far that a line East and North to the beginning will include the Quantity.

The residue of my of the said Tract being Sixty acres I do will and devise to my son Joseph Hunter and his his Heirs forever.

And whereas there will be included in either William Linn's or Asekel Linns Survey a certain part of Mill Creek supposed to be an eligible place for a Mill, now I do hereby will and direct him, in whose Survey said Mill Seat may be included to pay to the other the half of whatever the said Mill Seat may be thought to be worth by two men by each party respectively chosen & in case of their disagreement they shall choose an Umpire whose Opinion shall be conclusive.

In consideration of the Seventy acres of land which I have before Willed and Devised to William Linn the said Linn is to pay Thirty Pounds in the following manner that is to say Six pounds to John Archer & Six Pounds to my son Joseph Hunter immediately after my death.

The residue of the Thirty Pounds to be paid within two years to all my Heirs in equal portions William Linn himself excepted.

I do hereby authorize & devise my Executors to dispose of my lands in Hunters Bottom to the best advantage within three years & to divide

the Money or property (as the case may be) arising from the sale thereof equally among all my heirs. But should they not dispose of it within said time then the land itself shall be equally divided among my Heirs or otherwise disposed of as they shall think proper.

The Heirs that I have alluded to & had in view are these that follow Vis Joseph Hunter, Joshua Archer, William Linn, Asakel Linn and Martha Dunn.

Whereas I have in my possession an order from William Pope on Joseph Applegate for twenty Pounds being a part of Fifty pounds due me by said Pope for Fifty acres of land in Hunters Bottom in addition to One Hundred & fifty acres which formerly sold to said Pope, which order with what may be still due me by said Pope I do will and bequeath to Joseph Hunter.

I do hereby authorize and direct Joseph Hunter as one of my executors to convey to William Pope or his assigns Two Hundred acres of land in Hunters Bottom instead of one hundred and fifty mentioned in a certain article or agreement which exists between us & agreeable to said article of agreement I do hereby authorize and direct William Pope to convey to my several Devises One Hundred and Fifty acres which he has agreed to convey to me in the aforesaid article of agreement.

Agreeable to this my last Will and Testament I do appoint William Pope and Joseph



Hunter executors of this my last Will and Testament any other Will, Testament & other disposal of property not withstanding.

Signed, Sealed and delivered in presence of

JOSEPH HUNTER (Seal)

Testators

JOSEPH POPE

JAMES STUART

THOMAS LONG

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At a Court held for Jefferson County November 4th 1794 This last Will and Testament of Joseph Hunter dec'd was at a court held for said County Jany 7th 1794 proved by the Oath of John Pope, James Stuart and Thomas Long the subscribed Witnesses thereto the same was ordered to be Recorded.

Teste

STEPHE ORMSBY (Seal)

(From Book I page 54 Probate Court Records of Jefferson County, Kentucky)

After copying the Will of Joseph Hunter on Nov 5th 1941 from Records in Probate Office in Louisville Ky Charles A. Moore of 1925 Ivanhoe Court and Stephen B. Hunter compared the copy to the Record.

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The above memorandum and teste on this page, with the copy of the Will of Joseph Hunter I of Louisville, Kentucky (from Book I Page 54 of the Probate Records of Jefferson County, Kentucky) on the two preceding pages numbered



W. J. HUNTER

HHH

Sir, - Your letter dated Madison Wisconsin Nov. 16th 1859 and directed to Joseph Hunter of New Madrid Missouri has fallen into my hands. Joseph Hunter my brother has been dead 20 years and was eight years my junior. The Joseph Hunter of whom you wish to obtain information was my father; and altho' not in as good hands as would have been in the hands of my brother, I will nevertheless take great pleasure in doing my best in giving you such information as I can call to mind for I have no fam-

ily historical record and will confine myself strictly to facts as I will recollect to have had from my fathers lips. My father Joseph Hunter was born of Irish parents being Joseph Hunter and Molly Holmes being the second son and sixth child, in the town of Carlisle in the State of Pennsylvania about the year 1761 or 62, and at the age of about ten years his father failing in business, removed to what was then called the back country, near to what is now Pittsburgh, and bought from an indian chief called Catfish a large body of land, which the indian chief had a lawful right to sell and situated where the town of Washington, twenty five miles from pittsburgh now stands. The year of his removal to Kentucky I do not recollect but in the winter of '76 or '77, my father served a three months tower in Washington's army hid older brother James Hunter having been previously killed in the army, but James had been previously in Kentucky and had obtained some claims or grants of land and his father failing still further in business determined to remove still further West sold his Catfish Camp land (for such it was called to his Philadelphia merchant and removed to Kentucky and landed at Louisville and there found and heard for the first time of General George Rogers Clark, who was there fitting out his far famed expedition to make a settlement on the most extreme western point of highland in the then limit of Virginia, his father now burning with the fever of emigration, determined to follow the fortunes of General

Clark and here for the first time in his life I have often heard my father say, he rebelled against his father for it so turned out that it was the crowning stroke of the impoverishing of himself and family. My grandfather with his family joined Clark's colony and removed to Fort Jefferson five miles below the mouth of the Ohio River where Clark's settlement was made and Fort Jefferson was built--My father remained there until the fort was broken up. I only recollect a few incidents that occurred, such as a few of the men (after the fort was besieged by the Cherokee and Chicasaw Indians being about one thousand in number) stealing out in the night and crossing the river and going twelve miles to the beautiful prairie St. Charles where there were roving buffaloes by the thousands, being clear out of hearing of gun shot, and there killing what meat they could pack on their backs and again cross the river in the night and carry their meat into the fort and in this way was the sufferers therein saved from starvation and those were the first buffaloes that ever my father seen or killed and many was the load that he packe(d) these twelve miles to save his parents and sisters from starvation. How long the fort remained in this condition I cannot say and at one time when all seemed quiet a favorite cow was permitted to strole out at the gate when soon after Indians was seen when Nancy Hunter the sister of my father then a young girl and who afterwards became the mother of Ex-Senator Genl. Henry



Dodge of Wisconsin and Lewis F. Linn of Missouri, who was also a member of the U. S. Senate--ran after and drove the cow into the fort while there were hundreds of arrows shot at her by the indians, but she was not hurt. During the distress of the fort which was of the most wretched kind for there were few men and they were besieged by more than a thousand indians Mr. Jefferson, the then Governor of Virginia, dispatched Mr. Edward Mathews with ample supplies for the relief of the fort and Mr. Mathews floated by the fort in the night and went to New Orleans where the Spaniards confiscated the property and put Mathews in irons and sent him back to Virginia, this I have heard my father relate hundreds of times. Mathews afterwards came and made the first American settlement in the prairie where my father killed the buffaloes and from whom the prairie took its present name and the descendants of his family are still in this country and are my neighbors. The particular part that my father took in the services or defenses of the fort I cannot state other than before stated but he left when the fort broke up and I have often heard him say that general Clark left the fort alone and on foot and went to Louisville My father on leaving the fort went to Kaskaskia in Illinois and there remained one year and worked as a common laborer from there in company with another man and late in the fall traveled on foot and often breaking ice to the knee to post Vincennes and there remaining until spring and then by the

same mode of travel went to Louisville where he found his father and family reduced to the most abject poverty, he now betook himself to the assistance and support of his father and family where they were settled at a place called Spring Station not far from Louisville and there witnessed the mortifying feelings of having his mother and one sister killed and skulped by the indians in the month of May, when viewing the flax patch one Sunday evening and a younger brother (after whom I was named) making his escape by his fleetness of foot having his shirt powder burnt from their guns, but only made his escape then to be killed one or two years afterwards working in the fence row of the same field. My father from there spent several years of his life as an Indian hunter, traper, and going on several indian campanes--he frequently visited post Vincen(nes) where there lived a Mr. Henry, a frenchman who had for wife an American woman in consequence thereof my father made the house of Mr. Henry his home, whose house also the indians frequently visited and in the year 1783, the year peace was made my father was the first man that carryed the news of peace to post Vincen(nes) and while he was there a war party of Indians from Kentucky and had five scalps celebrated their great war dance when my father crowded into the ring and examined the scalps being suspended from a pole and found these to be as he had supposed two young but full grown females with long and beautiful hair the indians hearing the news of

peace went to the house of Mr. Henry to learn the author of the news when Mr. Henry pointed to my father, when the leader of the band approached my father and taking him by the hair of the head and brandishing his knife saying to my father--maybe you tell one dam ly--my father questioning him where he took the scalps he had, he said at blew licks in Kentucky and maybe I skulp you directly (directly the indians however leaving the house) when my father thinking prudence the better part of valor also left the house and hid until dark and then left for Kentucky - when on the next day the indians came to hunt him as Mr. Henry afterwards informed him - from this time until the marriage of my father I know of nothing particular further than what I have stated. In the year 1793 my father married my mother Catharine Phillips and one year afterwards on August 1st 1794 I was born, being the first fruit of that marriage. And after his marriage he settled and lived in the neighborhood of Louisville Ky. and not long after his marriage he was appointed to the command of a block house and guard of men to guard the south bank of the Ohio river from Louisville to the mouth of Salt river being about twenty miles.

(Here follows some accounts of his father's encounters with Indians including one a Dr. Donne gave to Mr. Draper)

After the ceasing of hostilities my father led a quiet domestic life attending to the rearing of



his children and having had eight in number six sons and two daughters being two years between births and were all living at his death my mother having died twelve years before him. After the purchase of Louisiana by Mr. Jefferson and finding his family increasing and he being poor, determined to remove and hunt a new country and accordingly in the spring of 1805 he removed to Louisiany and settled near New Madrid and there lived until the great earthquake of 1811. Soon after he settled at New Madrid he was appointed a Judge of the court exercising all the judicial powers of the district except capital offences. This position he held until the earthquake which disorganized the district. He also held a captain's commission in the militia. The earthquake broke us up and he removed twenty-five miles in the country and settled again and here my mother died in 1813. About this time the territory of upper Louisiana for such it was called assuming the second grade of government--my father was appointed by President Madison a member of the legislative council of the territory for six years--which position he held until the end of the term. This was the end of his public life. He died in 1825, in the county of Scott at the place where he settled after being driven by the earthquake at the age of about sixty three or four. In height he was about five feet eight inches, rather stoop shouldered and slightly cross-eyed. He cared but little for the lucre of wealth the leading thirst of his mind was the acquisition of knowledge, from the reading of books--he read all

the books that came in his way, both ancient and modern that was worth reading and read newspapers but little. He excelled any man I ever heard in conversation upon the history and science of government, the rise and fall of empires, the embryo and incipency of all the religions of the world. Altho he was raised in the strict discipline of the Presbyterian church, he was not a member of any church. I have often heard him repeat his religion which was to be just be merciful and walk umbly in the sight of God. He delighted to meet with men with whom he could converse on those great subjects. He was an ardent lover of Mr. Jefferson and the principles of the revolution and the constitution as I stated before he wrote but little consequently he left no papers that I ever knowed anything of--I would refer you to Gen. Henry Dodge of Wisconsin who is the neighieu of my father and is many years my seigniour for much information concerning his life and character for he was much with him in my father's younger days, etc., etc., etc., etc. I would be pleased to have your life of Clark for I love all men that my father loved and my father held him in the highest esteem he always spoke of him with delight . . .

With high respect I subscribe my name

ABRAHAM HUNTER

Please direct to Pleasant Plains

Scott Cty Mo.

"... of my frandfather ... I know of no public service that he ever performed his age I have no correct knowledge of but think he was largely over 60 years and I think he died about 1791 or 92--and was a native of Ireland, ... with General Clark my father was on the most intimate terms of friendship."

(G. R. Clark MSS. Draper's Collection, Wisconsin Historical Society, Madison, Wisconsin. Vol. 13.)

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(NOTE: The above is a copy of a letter written by Abraham Hunter, grandfather of Stephen B. Hunter, et al., to Lyman C. Draper of the Wisconsin Historical Society, December 1st, 1859. William Hunter (a nephew of said Abraham Hunter) of Benton, Missouri, told his son, W. J. Hunter that his cousin Mary Hunter Giboney Houck (daughter of his Aunt Mary Hunter who was sister of Abraham Hunter) of Cape Girardeau, Missouri, when searching for Hunter family history called on Col. Thos. Brown of Columbus, Kentucky. Col. Brown was brother-in-law of William Hunter. Col. Brown told cousin Molly Houck (Mary Hunter Giboney Houck) that he remembered Abraham Hunter saying that he had written but one letter in his life and that was to the Wisconsin Historical Society about his father and grandfather. As a result Mrs. Houck obtained a copy of the above. W. J. H.





Tombstone  
of  
JOSEPH AND CATHERINE HUNTER



## Chapter Two

### THE JOSEPH HUNTER FAMILY

The activities of Joseph Hunter Junior and his descendants in Southeast Missouri will be traced in this chapter.

#### HUNTER, JOSEPH II

(Carlisle, Pennsylvania -- May 1760 - Scott County, Missouri -- Dec. 1823) He is buried in the Hunter Cemetery at Sikeston.

Joseph II is the progenitor of the Hunters of Southeast Missouri. He was the son of Joseph and Mary Ann Holmes Hunter who lived and were married in Ireland, but migrated in the early seventeenth hundreds to Carlisle, Pennsylvania, where Joseph II was born.

Joseph II served a three-months term under General George Washington in 1776 or 1777 (see Daughters of the American Revolution Records and a letter to Colonel Draper of the Wisconsin Historical Society from his eldest son, Abraham)

He accompanied his father to the Falls of the Ohio in 1779 and assisted in the construction of Fort Jefferson at the mouth of the Ohio. To secure provisions for the besieged fort he would cross the Mississippi River at night to hunt in the Spanish Territory (now Missouri).





On the 19th., day of February, 1808 the following Commission from the Governor was Received and Recorded:

FREDERICK BATES, Secretary of the Territory of Louisiana and exercising the Government thereof, to all who shall see these presents:

WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States on the third day of March, 1805, passed an Act, entitled An Act for the providing for the Government of the District of Louisiana in the 17th., Section of which it is provided that the parties of the peace and all other officers civil and military (with special exceptions) before they enter in the duties of their respective offices, shall take an oath or affirmation to support the Constitution of the United States and for the faithful discharge of official duty before such person as the Governor shall direct; Now Know Ye, that reposing Special Trust and Confidence in the diligence and provident circumspection of Michael Amoureux Esquire, I do appoint him to administer such oaths and affirmations within and for the District of New Madrid.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed the seal of the Territory and subscribed my name at St. Louis, this 10th., day of January, in the year of our Lord, 1808 and of the American Independence the Thirty-Second.

FREDERICK BATES

(Seal)

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On the following day this Commission was recorded:

FREDERICK BATES, Secretary of the Territory of Louisiana, in exercising the Government thereof:

To all whom shall see these presents, GREETINGS: Know ye, that reposing Special Trust and Confidence in the integrity, ability and diligence of Joseph Hunter, esquire, do appoint him a Judge of the Court of Common Pleas and quarter sessions for the District of New Madrid, and empower him to discharge the duties of said office, according to law, To have and to Hold said office with all powers, privileges, and emoluments to the same of right appertaining, during good behavior for the term of four years

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed the seal of the Territory and subscribed my name at St. Louis, the 10th., day of January, in the year of our Lord, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eight, and of the Independence of the United States, the Thirty-Second.

(Seal)

FREDERICK BATES

LOUISIANA TERRITORY }  
DISTRICT OF NEW MADRID } SS.

I, Michael Amoureux, have this day, by virtue of a Dedimus Potestatem to me directed from his Excellency acting Governor of said Territory administered the oath of office and the oath of allegiance of the Constitution of the

M. AMOUREAUX

Amoureux -- French for "lover of waters."

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In 1812 Joseph Hunter enrolled for military service against the Indians and served as Major of the Second Battalion of the Fifth Regiment under Lieutenant Colonel John E. Hartt. He raised a battalion of soldiers in Southeast Missouri.

In 1812 Joseph Hunter was by President Madison named as one of the Territorial Council, which position he held until the Territory of Missouri was organized into a state. Missouri then consisted of five districts or counties: New Madrid, Cape Girardeau, Ste. Genevieve, St. Louis, and St. Charles. The legislative power of the Territory was vested in a Governor, the Legislative Council, and a House of Representatives.

On 21 July 1793 at Louisville, Kentucky, he





## KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That I, Joseph Hunter, of the County of New Madrid, and Territory of Missouri, having heretofore settled and arranged for the benefit of some of my children, some parts of my property, having given to Hannah Hunter, one negro woman named Ester and one negro girl named Violet, to James Hunter, one negro boy named Jeremiah or Jerry and one tract of land deeded in his name from James Trotter, to Abraham one tract of land purchased from Amos Rawls and deeded to him by said Rawls, and to David, one piece of land of one hundred and thirty arpents to be deeded to him (by) Stephen Ross. Now in order to settle the Estate of my children and to make the shares of them already named as equal as possible, in consideration of love and affection, I bear to my said children, and to keep peace and Good Will between and among them, I hereby confirm to each the portion, I have already given and named as above fully and absolutely, and I also give to Abraham, one negro boy in addition to the land above named, called Pompey and also to David in addition to the land above named, one negro girl named Linne, and one negro boy named Cud. I also give and grant to Joseph Hunter, my son, one negro girl named Charlotte and one negro girl, named Nelly, and I also give and grant unto Milford Hunter, my son, one negro boy named Charles and one negro girl named Adele, I also give and grant to Thomas Hunter, my son, one negro boy named William and one negro girl,

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I HAVE hereunto set my hand and seal this 15th., day of September, 1815.

(Same appears of record in the Recorder's Office of New Madrid County, Missouri, in Deed Record No. 7, at page No. 132, being a deed of gift in lieu of a will. It was witnessed (so the record shows) by I. K. Spear and Aaron F. Spear, and was acknowledged by Joseph Hunter before W. Winchester, Justice of the Peace, on July 16, 1816)

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JOSEPH HUNTER

"Joseph Hunter, one of the most distinguished pioneers of Southeast Missouri, came to New Madrid District in 1805, and located on a



grant purchased from Joseph LaPlante, near New Madrid. Very soon after he removed to Big Prairie, and with his brother-in-law, Samuel Phillips located near the present town of Sikeston. Joseph Hunter was a son of a Scotch-Irish Presbyterian, who immigrated to America from the North of Ireland prior to the Revolutionary war. . . . The mother of Joseph and a sister were killed by the Indians while in a flaxfield near their home, and a brother, Abraham, also met his death at the hands of savages. Nancy Hunter, another member of the family, is mentioned in connection with the history of Ste. Genevieve. Upon the organization of Missouri Territory, Joseph Hunter was appointed by President Madison a member of the Territorial Council. He had a large family, and his descendants are numerous, embracing many of the wealthiest and most prominent citizens of that portion of this state. His eldest son Milford removed to Grand Gulf, Mississippi. His son Abraham (the oldest son) married Sally Ogden and became the father of three sons and three daughters viz; Isaac, a judge of Scott County Court; Joseph, a wealthy citizen of New Madrid; and Benjamin F., living near Sikeston, one of the largest landowners in Southeast Missouri. Catherine, who married first Americus Price, and second Marmaduke Beckwith; Mary, who married Archibald Price; and Amanda. Abraham Hunter, in his day, was probably the best known politician in Southeast Missouri, and served for twenty years in one or the other of the branches of the State Legislature. James another son of Joseph

Hunter married Lucy Beckwith, and had two children: Joseph, killed in the battle of Pilot Knob, and Kate. David, a fourth son, married his cousin Nancy Phillips, by whom he had three children: Samuel, Betty and Jenny. Joseph Hunter Junior married Elizabeth Johnson and was the father of two children: Maria, who married Major James Parrott, and Ann, who became the wife of Joseph H. Moore. Thomas, the youngest son of Joseph Hunter, Sr., married Eliza Meyers, and reared two children: Nannie Kate, wife of Col. Thomas Brown, of Columbus, Ky., and Senator William Hunter. Of the daughters of Joseph Hunter, Mary married Andrew Giboney, of Cape Girardeau, whose daughter was the wife of the late Hon. Louis Houck; and Hannah married to Mark H. Stallcup, of New Madrid County."

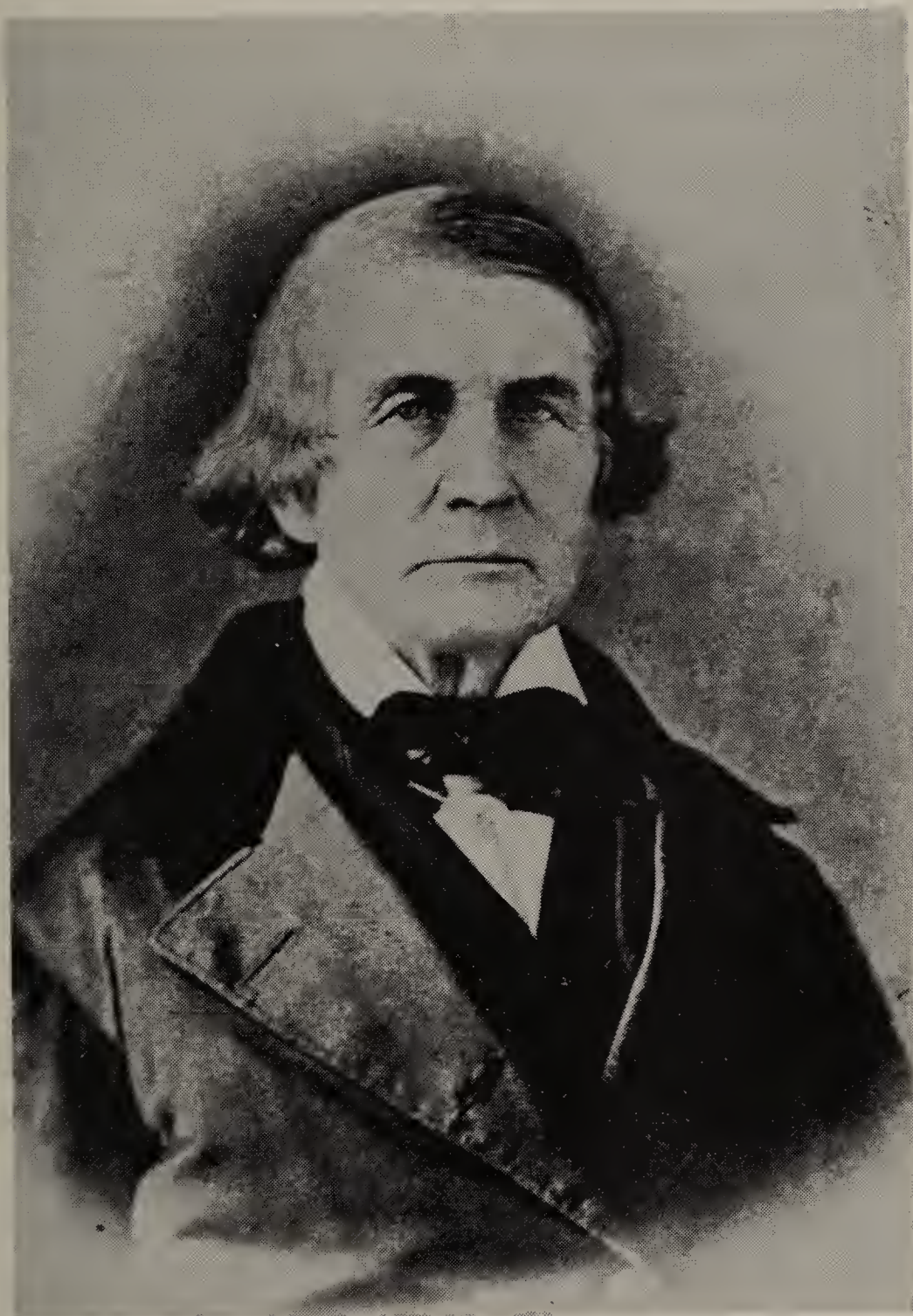
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HUNTER, ABRAHAM "ABE"

(Louisville, Kentucky 1 Aug. 1794-Scott County, 28 Oct. 1869) First child of Joseph and Katherine Phillips Hunter.

Abraham Hunter as a child came with his parents to New Madrid, Missouri. After the New Madrid Earthquake he secured what was known as Richwoods, then in New Madrid County (now Scott) containing 640 acres of land. Here he built his home and named it Pleasant Plains, Missouri. It was a post office, or at least a place where mail was received and distributed, long before Sikeston was established.





ABRAHAM HUNTER

1794-1869



He was Sheriff of New Madrid County in 1818 and 1819, one of the first counties or districts in the Territory of Missouri, existing until 1819. In 1821 Scott County was organized, including his and his father's farms within its boundaries.

"Abe" Hunter was perhaps the best known politician in Southeast Missouri. He was chairman of the committee to select a location for the county seat when Scott County was organized. Afterward he filled various offices in the county, served twelve years in the Lower House and eight years in the Upper House at Jefferson City and was a delegate to the Constitutional Convention in 1845. He was also a delegate to the Baltimore Democratic Convention in 1860.

He was in sympathy with the Confederacy, having a brother and two sons in the Confederate Armies. General Jeff Thompson, when in Southeast Missouri during the war, often made the Hunter place his headquarters. Abraham Hunter had to leave home because of the war so he went to Mississippi where he had a brother. He came home after the war, but to avoid being arrested left a second time.

Abraham was a progressive, public-spirited citizen for the time in which he lived. In the Legislature he supported measures to improve routes of travel and he helped locate public roads.

He took an active part in promoting and building the Cairo and Fulton railroad. One bit of evidence of this is the receipt below copied:



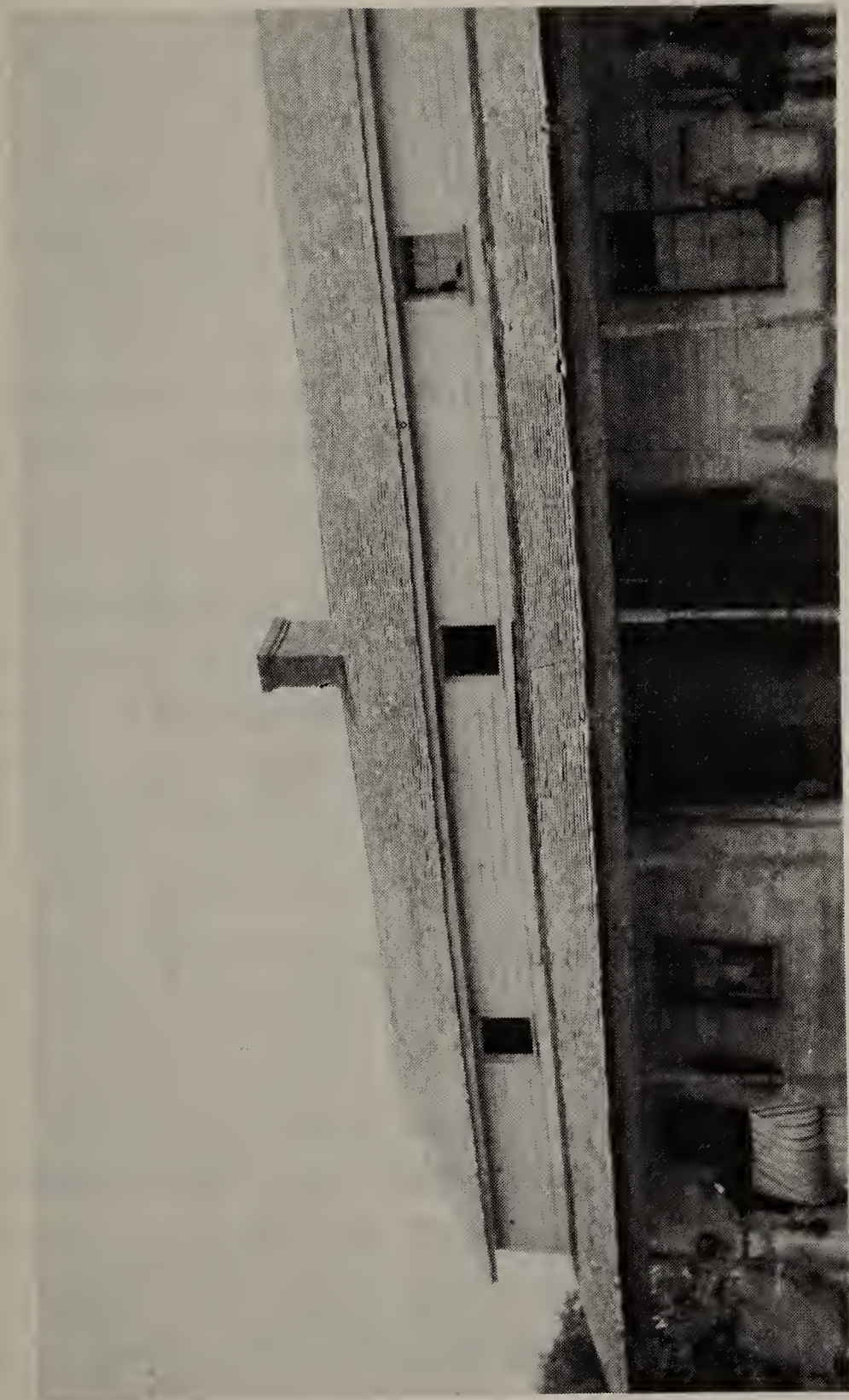
to the locomotives, dramatically said, "I expect to live to see the day when this locomotive will take its water from the Pacific Ocean." Certainly a stretch of the imagination when one recalls that at the time there were very few miles of rails west of the Mississippi River.

When Abraham Hunter moved to his place at Richwoods, there were but few people in the area. What were called roads were dirt trails and in bad weather were practically impassible. The commonest modes of travel were walking and riding horseback. Wagons were seldom used except in the most favorable periods. Many of the conveniences common thereafter were at this time unknown. Nearly everything brought into the country or taken out was hauled by boats on the Mississippi River.

The few settlers had cleared some land, but the great acreage of Southeast Missouri was a wilderness swamp. There were many varieties of trees, some of enormous size. The woods and swamps were populated with deer, bear, wolves, panthers, wildcats, mink, opossums, beaver, raccoons, muskrats, squirrels, rabbits, turkeys, and other animals and birds. The waters teemed with fish. There were many kinds of snakes in unbelievable numbers.

Under these conditions necessity, the Mother of Invention, drove people to provide for themselves. So Abraham Hunter's plantation was almost entirely self-supporting. There was a black-





THE ABRAHAM HUNTER HOME - 1908

smith shop, a mill to grind grain, and a distillery. Artisans tanned hides for leather and made their own boots and shoes, saddles and harness. They had cotton and wool to make clothing. The woods were full of wild fruits and nuts, probably a greater variety than now produced by cultivation. They had eagles, owls, and hawks to contend with. There was an abundance of quail, wild ducks and geese, as well as domestic fowl. Wood for fuel was at everyone's door. There was not much money and not much need for money. Coonskins passed readily for currency at fifty cents each.

Abraham Hunter was energetic, liked people and was well-liked by them. He enjoyed dancing and being with those who sought social entertainment. When riding alone he was given to talking out loud to himself. On one occasion, it is said, he was asked why he talked to himself. His reply was, "I like to talk to a smart man, Sir."

After he had finished a speech in a campaign for the state senatorship, his opponent started to reply. Just then Abraham's slave, Pomp, hove in sight some distance away bearing a barrel of whiskey and a string of cups. The crowd immediately deserted the speaker in favor of Pomp's offerings. The opposing speaker readily admitted, "I can speak against Colonel Hunter, but I cannot against Pomp and a barrel of whiskey." Pomp could usually be found in the vicinity of his master. He was smart and without a doubt known to more white people of Southeast Missouri than any other slave.



On one occasion when Abraham Hunter had a visitor of note he asked Pomp to bring some brandy from a special container. After Abe and his visitor had taken a social drink there followed a dissertation on the age and quality of the brandy. Abraham poured a drink for Pomp. Pomp asked, "Massy Abe, how ol' you say dis is?" After being told, he replied, "Massy Abe, it shore is mighty little for its age!"

Abraham Hunter was with Colonel Henry Deal of Charleston one time in St. Louis. They occupied beds in the same hotel room. During the night a burglar entered and robbed them both. As Colonel Deal's vest was removed from under his pillow, he awakened. The burglar fled with Colonel Deal fast upon his heels. Police arrested both pursued and pursuer in his nightgown. The policeman read off the name "Abraham Hunter" and as he did so the burglar said, "That's my name." Whereupon Colonel Deal told the police, "That is the name of the man who shares my room at the hotel." They were taken to the room where Abraham was still sleeping soundly with no knowledge of the fact he had been robbed.

On another occasion in Memphis Abraham was carrying some gold coins in a buckskin bag. Suddenly he realized he had only the top of the bag--someone had neatly slit it off and made off with the money without being seen.

When he went to Mississippi during the Civil War he took considerable money along in coins.





of all political power; to the representatives as but the organ through which they Make known their will; to the decision at the ballot box as instructing the representative on all issues made up, and on all questions previously discussed; and deprecating any misunderstanding between the representative and his constituents I have conceived it to be my duty to make a plain, frank, and undisguised exposition of my views, on all the important questions which at this time agitate the public mind, and on which the Convention will most probably be called upon to act.

That our State has outgrown her present Constitution, and that it requires revision and amendment no one will deny, but as mankind, in all ages of the world, has been distrustful of innovations on long established principles, I am decidedly of opinion that the Convention should confine its action to such amendments as are unequivocally called for by public opinion, and Not endanger the ratification of the New Constitution, by ingrafting upon it features of questionable expediency.

Should I be honored with a seat in the Convention, I shall make it my constant aim to reflect the will of my constituents, to frame a constitution that will be purely democratic and that in its operation will confer the greatest good to the greatest number.

As I intend, should the health of my family

permit, to visit every County in the district before the approaching election, and discuss publicly the questions involved therein.

I shall through this medium be as brief and explicit as possible.

I am now, and ever have been, in favor of carrying out practically, what we profess theoretically, equality of rights and privileges, and am therefore in favor of so amending the Constitution, as to give to every Citizen, as nearly as practicable, the same influence in our halls of legislation, whether he happens to live in the populous City or thinly settled Country. Our present basis of representation, a basis of territory of hills and hollows, and not of population, is Anti-republican in its character, a mocking of our form of government, and the most odious form of a rotten-borough system. Should I happen to be in the Convention, I shall be found standing up shoulder to shoulder with the friends of popular government battling for their principle, which I hold to be one of our dearest and unalienable rights.

I regard it as a wholesome and conservative principle of a republican government, that all individuals clothed with public authority, should, at short periods, return to the ranks of the people. I am therefore decidedly in favor of limiting the judicial tenure to short terms, believing that it will give efficiency to that important branch of the government.



I have been asked by a highly respectable portion of my fellow citizens, whether I am or am not in favor of separating the state from all connection with banking institutions; and if so, whether the General Assembly should have power to incorporate banks. To this interrogatory I frankly respond, that I am in favor of a total separation of the state from all such stock-grabbing concerns. When our present State Bank was chartered, its friends urged as a strong argument in its favor, that the profits arising therefrom would contribute largely towards defraying the current expenses of the State. It has so far failed to perform what was then promised, fact is, that the Governor in his last annual Message declared, that he considered the stock as neither safe nor profitable; and well may we fear that the people will yet have to be heavily taxed to pay back the capital borrowed for the State to bank upon.

In forming the Constitution or fundamental law for a great and growing State, I question the wisdom of restrictions and prohibitions not clearly called for by previous experience, but as the power to grant charters and exclusive privileges has been so much abused, I am uncompromisingly opposed to the further extension of that power, except upon the condition, that in every such act of incorporation, the individual property of each stockholder shall be made liable for the entire indebtedness of the Company, as well as the amount of Stock sub-

I look upon this provision, which places the business of incorporated companies on the same footing as that of private Citizens, as being called for by the best interests of the Country, and demanded by every principle of justice and right.

Pleasant Plains, Scott Cty. Mo  
June 15th, 1845.

(Signed) ABRAHAM HUNTER

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Today how different it is! No politician wants to commit himself unless he thinks by so doing he courts the popular view. Abraham Hunter was a follower of Thomas Jefferson's political philosophy. In appearance, judging from pictures in the possession of his descendants, he had features somewhat resembling Jefferson. His father, Joseph, and his grandfather, Joseph, were supporters of Jefferson's principles of government.





- 1st. I give and bequeath unto my son Isaac Hunter my home farm to include all that tract or parcel of land bounded as follows:-  
(Here follows description of real estate) he paying to his sister Mrs. Catharine Beck-- with the sum of two thousand dollars.
- 2d. I give and bequeath to my son Joseph Hunter all that tract or parcel of land that I own lying in (Here follows description of real estate)
- 3d. I give and bequeath unto my son Ben F. Hunter all that tract or parcel of land that I own lying in (Here follows description of real estate) he paying to my grand daughter Cate Curd Seven Hundred and Fifty Dollars, and also to my other grand daughter Mary Griffith Seven Hundred and Fifty Dollars.

I give and bequeath unto my two last named grand daughters the further sum of two hundred and fifty dollars each out of my other estate Of the remainder of my estate real personal and mixed I wish all legal claims against me of which there is very small to be fully paid as well the fully compensation to my old servant woman Harriet and the compensation to my executors for the final settlement of my affairs.

Of the ballance of my landed estate being about five hundred and twenty acres more or less I hereby give full power and authority to my executors to sell and convey

the same as to them may seem best for the benefit of all concerned and finally of the remainder of my estate after the specific provisions herein before made I wish the remainder to be divided in equal parts to each of my five heirs Cate Curd and Mary Griffith being equal to one except my large rocking chair and my carpets they to go to grand daughter Allie Bird and my picture likeness to her first born son called Abram.

I hereby appoint my two sons Isaac and Ben F. Hunter as commissioners and executors of this my last will and testament to execute settle and make final disposition of all things herein made necessary for them to perform, and now having finished what may be considered the last act of mane life I hereby assign the mortal remains hereby given to its mother earth, the immortal to the heavenly power that gave it.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto at the County of Scott and State of Missouri subscribed my name for the purposes herein contained this 6th day of May 1869.

Signed: ABRAM HUNTER

In the presence of -

STATE OF MISSOURI COUNTY OF SCOTT--SS

Be it remembered that on this day appeared before me a Justice of the Peace within and for

the County and State aforesaid the above named subscriber to the foregoing instrument of writing who acknowledged the same to be his act and deed for the purposes therein contained.

Taken and certified this 19th day of June 1869.

Signed: JOHN N. BENEFIELD,  
Justice of the Peace.

STATE OF MISSOURI }  
COUNTY OF SCOTT } SS

I, Wiley A. Hughes, Clerk of the County Court in and for the County and in the State aforesaid do certify the foregoing to be a true and perfect copy of the will of Abram Hunter deceased as the same appears on the record of Wills in my office.

Witness my signature and the seal of the said County Court hereto attached at office in Commerce this 29th day of November A. D. 1869.

WILEY A. HUGHES, Clerk.  
by H. G. Johnson Deputy

STATE OF MISSOURI }  
COUNTY OF SCOTT } SS

WE HEREBY CERTIFY That the within and foregoing copy of the Will of Abram Hunter is a true and exact copy of the Will of Abram Hunter (except description of real estate) as it remains spread of record in the office of the Recorder of Deeds in and for the County of Scott and State of Missouri, in Deed Record Book 18 at page 472 thereof.



Dated at Benton, Missouri, this 26th day of  
January 1915, at 4 o'clock P. M.

SCOTT COUNTY ABSTRACT COMPANY  
Signed: HAROLD STUBBLEFIELD

(Seal)

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In the matter of the Estate	Proof of Heirs
of Abram Hunter, deceased	Book "H" letter of
	Administration at
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STATE OF MISSOURI--COUNTY OF SCOTT SS

Isaac and Benj. F. Hunter being duly sworn by  
me Clerk of the County Court of said County de-  
pose and say, that to the best of their knowledge  
and belief the names of the heirs of Abraham  
Hunter deceased are;

Isaac Hunter

Benjamin F. Hunter

Sarah C. Curd and

Mary Griffiths of Scott County

Joseph Hunter of New Madrid County

Catharine Hunter of New Madrid County  
State of Missouri

That said Abraham died without a Will, that  
they will make a perfect inventory of and faith-  
fully administer all the estate of the said Abra-  
ham Hunter and pay the debts as far as the as-  
sets will extend and the law direct and account  
for and pay all assets which shall come to their

Signed: ISAAC HUNTER  
BEN F. HUNTER

Signed: WILEY A. HUGHES,  
Clerk Scott County Court

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I am happy to have letter of Dec. 12 and enclosures, which I am listing as follows:

1. Certificate of appointment of Abraham Hunter as Justice of the Peace of the Township of Richland, Scott County, Mo. Dated Aug. 28-1869, signed by Gov. Jno. Miller and bearing the seal of the State of Missouri.
2. Certificate of Appointment of Abraham Hunter as Sheriff of New Madrid County, Mo. Dated Dec. 2, 1818 signed by Frederick Bates, Sec. of Mo. Ter and bearing the seal of the Ter. of Mo.
3. Writ of election to the Sheriff of New

Madrid Co. Mo. ordering the election of State and County officials and of representatives and Senators in Congress, Dated July 19, 1820, signed by David Barton, President of the Missouri Constitutional Convention.

4. Proclamation of William Henry Harrison, Governor of the District of Louisiana, ordering the division of the District of Louisiana into 5 districts & Dated Vincennes, Oct. 1, 1804, and bearing rubbed pencilled impression of the seal of the district of Louisiana.

5. Power of Attorney from Abraham Hunter to Joseph H. Moore, dated February 12th 1865.

6. Certificate of Appointment of Abraham Hunter as Justice of the Peace of the Township of Richland, Scott County, Mo. Dated Aug. 22-1825 signed by Abraham J. Williams and bearing the Seal of the State of Missouri.

7. Commission of Abraham Hunter as Aide-Camp to the Commander-in-Chief of the Tenth Division, Missouri Militia, Dated August 13, 1837, signed by Governor Lilburn W. Boggs and bearing the seal of the State of Missouri.

8. Certificate of Appointment of Abraham Hunter as a Justice of the County Court of Scott County, Mo. Dated Sept. 6, 1828. Signed by Governor Miller and bearing the seal of



the state of Missouri.

These documents, I assure you, are regarded as a prized gift to the Society. Their excellent state of preservation, their early dates and valuable signatures make them documents of unusual interest and historical value. I noted with great interest Various Seals; also the Writ of election to Abraham Hunter, which though bearing no seal, relates to the very earliest origins of Missouri's existence as a State and is one of the Most interesting documents of early Missouri history I have seen.

FLOYD C. SHOEMAKER

NOTE:- Another Hunter document bearing an early seal that Mr. Moore had loaned to "Mack" Hunter is reported to have also been forwarded to Mr. Shoemaker. S. B. H.

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On 14 August 1817 he married Sarah Ogden (4 Dec. 1800-31 Dec. 1839) daughter of Isaac Ogden and Mary Verner Ogden. The Ogden and Verner names appear frequently in early records of Pennsylvania. The Ogdens lived in Cumberland County, Pennsylvania; moved to western Virginia. In the early part of the nineteenth century they moved to Southeast Missouri. Abraham and Sarah were buried on his plantation (U.S. Private Survey 69, Scott County, Missouri)

Their children were:

Mary H. (11)

Isaac Ogden (12)

Joseph (13)

Catherine (14)

Ben Franklin (15)

Amanda (16)

Sarah "Sallie" (18 Nov. 1839-28 Sept. 1845)

Martin Van Buren

Susan

Milford

By a second marriage Abraham Hunter had three children (record from tombstones):

James Polk; lived about fifteen years

Lewis Linn, who died in infancy

Nancy, who also died in infancy

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### HUNTER, HANNAH

(Louisville, Kentucky 6 June 1796-New Madrid County, Missouri 24 Oct. 1858) She was the daughter of Joseph II and Katherine Phillips Hunter. She married in 1817 Mark Hardin Stallcup (10 Sept. 1784-11 Dec. 1848) merchant in the town Winchester, located just south of the present city of Sikeston in the extreme north end of New Madrid County on The King's Highway "El Camino Real." For years it was the county seat, but has long since disappeared.

Both are buried in the Hunter Cemetery just north of the Presbyterian Church in Sikeston (see tombstone).

Their children were:

James (21)

Catherine (22)

Lydia (23)

Milford, died young

Mary I., died young

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HUNTER, JAMES

(Louisville, Kentucky . . . . . 1798-11 Feb. 1837) He was the son of Joseph II and Katherine Phillips Hunter. On 30 September 1830 he married Lucy M. Beckwith (Virginia 4 June 1811-Scott County, Missouri 6 Mar. 1838) daughter of Newman Beckwith (Beckwith 43). James Hunter is buried in the Hunter Cemetery at Sikeston.

Their children were:

Joseph "Young Joe" (31)

Catherine "Kate" (32)

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HUNTER, DAVID

(Louisville, Kentucky 10 July 1799-New Madrid, Missouri 14 Feb. 1847) He was the son of Joseph II and Katherine Phillips Hunter. He was buried with his wife in the Hunter Cemetery on his farm about a mile north of LaForge, New Madrid County, Missouri.

He married his first cousin, Nancy Phillips (... . 1807 - 28 Jan. 1847) daughter of Samuel



Phillips of New Madrid (Phillips 12).

Their children were:

Samuel (41)

Caroline (18 Feb. 1832-24 Dec. 1846) who was buried in the Hunter Cemetery near LaForge, Missouri.

Elizabeth "Betty" (43)

Jane "Jennie" who married her second cousin, Riley Phillips. She and her sister Betty had a double wedding.

Joseph F. (5 May 1837-4 Feb. 1847) who was buried in the Hunter Cemetery near LaForge, Missouri.

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HUNTER, JOSEPH III

(Louisville, Kentucky 15 Mar. 1801-New Madrid, Missouri 18 July 1840)

He was the son of Joseph II and Katherine Phillips Hunter. Joseph Hunter III was a member of the Commission to select a site for the county seat of Scott County at the time it was organized (See plaque from original courthouse).

He was a prominent businessman of Benton, Missouri. He was thrown from a horse and killed on his way from Benton to New Madrid to attend a wedding, and is buried in the Hunter Family Cemetery at Sikeston (See tombstone). (See also account under Ben F. Hunter 15)

On 30 April 1831 he was married to Eliza-

beth Johnson (Syracuse, New York 3 Sept. 1810 - Morley, Missouri 22 Jan. 1883) She is buried at Benton, Missouri. Her mother, also named Elizabeth, came to New Madrid from New York about 1811. Her father became Sheriff of New Madrid County. He died in New Madrid, and the widow moved to Benton about 1830.

Joseph and Elizabeth also moved to Benton about that time. They built the house now known as the S. J. Wade place west of the present courthouse.

Their children were:

Richard Henry (1 Aug. 1834 - 30 Sept. 1838)

Mary "Maria" (52)

Anna Elizabeth (53)

Anna's twin brother; died in infancy.

After Joseph's death his widow married his mercantile partner, Albion Crowe, and continued the business.

## HUNTER, THOMAS

(Louisville, Kentucky 17 May 1808 - Claiborn County, Mississippi 1 July 1863) He was the son of Joseph and Katherine Phillips Hunter.

Thomas Hunter was in the Confederate Army, was wounded in the Battle of Belmont, and during the remainder of the war went with his brother, Abraham, to Mississippi to the home of another brother, Milford.

A stone on O'Bryan's Ridge in Mississippi County, Missouri, about a half mile from the Mississippi River levee, marks their resting place. Two of their daughters are buried in the same isolated, unkempt cemetery.

He was married in Scott County, Missouri, 13 December 1830 to Eliza Myers (Benton, Missouri 13 Mar. 1813-Belmont, Missouri 13 Sept. 1861) of Benton, Missouri.

Their children were:

Hannah (19 Sept. 1831-died in infancy)

Sarah Ann (13 Dec. 1832-died in infancy)

Margaret Elizabeth (1 Nov. 1835-8 Dec. 1853)

Nanny Catherine (3 Sept. 1838-16 Feb. 1868)

married 30 November 1856 Colonel Thomas Brown of Columbus, Kentucky, and had the following children: Mary (14 Sept. 1857-... ..); Robert Hunter (8 Aug. 1859 -... ..); Eliza (20 July 1861-... ..); Thomas Chenault (17 Jan. 1864-... ..); and Edwin King (5 Oct. 1866-... ..).

Lavina (5 Jan. 1845-... ..)

William (63)

Mary "Mollie" Eliza (8 Jan. 1856-Georgetown, Kentucky 5 June 1873)



He was the son of Joseph and Katherine Phillips Hunter. He made his home between Grand Gulf and Port Gibson in Claiborn County, Mississippi.

Milford married Susan "Suzannah" Jones. Their children were (Letters from Mrs. Ben F. (Sarah Ogden) Hunter and from daughters Ellen and Georgia Hunter to Mrs. Stephen B. Hunter of Cape Girardeau. Also from information from Amanda Medley of Piedmont, Missouri, who lived for two years or more as a young girl during the Civil War in the home of Milford Hunter):

Catherine

Abraham

Susan

Charles

Georgia

Ellen, who married . . . . . Matthews.

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### HUNTER, MARY

(New Madrid County, Missouri 10 Apr. 1811-27 May 1850) Youngest child of Joseph and Katherine Phillips Hunter. She is buried in Old Lormier Cemetery in Cape Girardeau.

She married in 1832 Andrew Giboney (Kentucky(?) about 1792-23 Jan. 1875) He came to Cape Girardeau in Spanish Territory in 1793 when a mere infant. He is buried in Old Lormier Cemetery (See tombstone),

There were several children but only Mary Hunter (81) lived to have issue.

## Chapter Three

### THIRD GENERATION OF HUNTERS

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HUNTER, MARY H.

(2 May 1819-.. June 1841) The daughter of Abraham and Sarah Ogden Hunter. She is buried in the Hunter Cemetery of the plantation (U. S. Private Survey No. 69) (See tombstone)

She married Archibald Alexander Price (Charlottesville Court House, Virginia 25 Dec. 1807-.. ..). Their children were:

Sarah Catherine Hunter (111)

William Means

Mary Elizabeth Hunter (113)

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HUNTER, ISAAC OGDEN

(27 May 1821-Morley, Missouri 21 June 1891) He was the son of Abraham and Sarah Ogden Hunter.

Isaac Hunter, a man of great and judicial mind, followed in the footsteps of his father

spending many years in public office. He served as Assessor of New Madrid and Scott counties, as County Judge, as Probate Judge, and as a member of the Legislature from Scott County. He owned a considerable acreage of land, including U.S. Survey 69 inherited from his father.

On one occasion after rendering a judicial decision he was asked a question to which he replied, "I am satisfied there was much false testimony, but I had to decide according to the testimony.

On a certain occasion he was asked about two brothers and their success in life. He replied, "One's a fine capable fellow and doing well. As to the other, I can't say. When you talk to him he seems to know much about what's in the Heavens but when you get down on the Earth where I am acquainted, he doesn't know a 'damn' thing!." (See also the account under Ben F. Hunter 515)

Isaac Hunter was a Mason, lived at Morley, Missouri, at the time of his death and was buried in the Morley Cemetery. On 8 (or 5) May 1844 (or '45) he married Susan Hill (. . . . .-died 1846 or '47) They had a daughter in 1847 named Althea "Sarah" (121)

On 14 May 1850 Isaac Ogden married Ellen Maulsby (4 Mar. 1833-18 Oct. 1888) of New Madrid County, Missouri.

From information in his will and the family Bible, and living members of the family, the following children of this second marriage have



Mary C. "Mollie" (122)

Abraham Lemual (21 Dec. 1854(56?)-..

July 1872). He had no issue.

Rosanna (21 June 1857-28 June 1857)

Ben F. (27 Sept. 1858-died in military service)

Johanna "Annie" (127)

Joseph (2 Aug. 1863-died young)

Julia (21 July 1865-died young)

John Jackson ( $12\bar{1}0$ )

Charles Dickson "Dick" (1211)

Louis Linn (1212)

The will of Isaac Ogden Hunter reads in part:

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WILL OF ISAAC HUNTER (Excerpts)

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL  
COME ----- GREETING.

Know Ye, that I Isaac Hunter of the County of Scott and State of Missouri being now near seventy years of age and being fully aware of the short time allotted for my stay here and the certainty of my soon leaving this life and being desirous of making such disposition of my worldly effects as to me seems meet and proper amongst my heirs; therefore make and publish this my last will and testament.

Item 1st. After my death I desire my body to have decent Interment.

- 2nd. I give and bequeath to my daughter Molly Pierce the following described lands. . . .
- Item 3rd. I give and bequeath to my daughter Amanda Bird the following described lands. . . .
- Item 4th. I give and bequeath unto my Grandson Abram Bird the following described lands. . . .
- Item 5th. I give and bequeath unto my son John J. Hunter the following described lands. . . .
- Item 6th. I give and bequeath to my son Lewis L. Hunter the following described lands. . . .
- Item 7th. I give and bequeath unto my daughter Anna McPheeters the following lands. . . .
- Item 8th. I give and bequeath unto my son Dick Hunter the following lands. . . .
- Item 9th. All the ballance of my estate both real and personal I desire my executors hereinafter named to collect and realise in the best maner they can and after paying my just debts and a reasonable compensation for their services to divide the ballance equally amongst my heirs at law.

Item 10th. I hereby appoint my son John J. Hunter and James McPheeters my executors to carry out this trust and desire that they be allowed to do so without any bond except their own. This Jan 29" A. D. 1891.

ISAAC HUNTER

Done in the presence of:

L. C. Martin---S. D. Martin.

Who know the said Isaac Hunter to be of sound mind and over the age of twenty one years.

Dated January 29th, 1891.

Filed October 3rd, 1891.

Recorded in Book 36 Page 346.

### PROOF OF WILL

State of Missouri County of Scott S. S.

In the Probate Court

Be it remembered that on this 25th day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety one before me Charles A. Leedy Judge of the Probate Court held in and for the County of Scott and State of Missouri personally appeared Louis C. Martin and Stephen D. Martin who being by me duly sworn upon their oath depose and say that they were present and saw Isaac Hunter sign the foregoing instrument purporting to be the last Will and Testament of him the said Isaac Hunter and heard him publish and declare the same to be



his last Will and testament and that at the time of signing the same the said Isaac Hunter was of sound and disposing mind and that they subscribed their names thereto as witnesses to the same in the presence of the testator and of each other and at the request of the said Isaac Hunter.

L. C. MARTIN

S. D. MARTIN

Sworn to and subscribed  
before me Charles A. Leedy  
Judge of the Probate Court  
the day and year first aforesaid.

CHARLES A. LEDDY, Judge.

### CERTIFICATE OF PROBATE OF WILL

State of Missouri, County of Scott SS  
In the Probate Court

I, Charles A. Leedy Judge of the Probate Court of Scott County State of Missouri having examined the foregoing instrument purporting to be the last will of Isaac Hunter deceased and signed by Isaac Hunter and having heard the testimony of Louis C. Martin and Stephen D. Martin subscribing witnesses thereto in relation to the execution of the same do declare and adjudge said instrument to be the last Will and testament of the said Isaac Hunter deceased late of Scott County Missouri.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court

(L. S.)

CHARLES A. LEEDY  
Judge of Probate Court

State of Missouri }  
County of Scott } SS

I, Charles A. Leedy Judge of the Probate Court within and for the County and State afore-said hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a full true and complete copy of the last will and testament of Isaac Hunter deceased together with a Copy of the Proof of Will and certificate of Probate thereto attached as fully as the original remains on file and appears of record in my office.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto  
set my hand and affixed my official seal at my  
office in Benton this the 1st day of July A. D. 1891.

(L. S.)                      CHARLES A. LEEDY Judge.

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HUNTER, JOSEPH

(10 Mar. 1823-20 Sept. 1911) He was the son of Abraham and Sarah Ogden Hunter. He lived at New Madrid and is buried in the Sikeston Cemetery at the south edge of Sikeston, Missouri.

Joseph Hunter was fine looking, really handsome in appearance. He was a man of great en-

ergy and determination. He served through the Civil War under General Nathan Forrest. In appearance he looked like General Robert E. Lee. He was an interesting and entertaining conversationalist. A man of imagination, he saw many things in their extremes, and he was quite free to express his every thought.

He was a member of the Presbyterian Church. He served as a County Judge in New Madrid County. He acquired a large acreage of very valuable agricultural lands during his active years.

He was a keen judge of horses and usually drove one of the best to be seen in the country. When the Civil War broke out he joined the Second Missouri Cavalry and served til the end of war--including the Battles at Corinth and Belmont--without being wounded or captured.

In 1845 he married Mary Dunklin; she died in 1846 without issue.

In April 1856 he married Elizabeth Russell (... .. -... .. 1861) of Cape Girardeau. Their children were:

Abraham R. (... .. 1858-Virden, Illinois 6 July 1943) who married Lydia Brubaker without issue. He represented New Madrid County in the Legislature from 1886 to 1890.

Sallie (... July 1850(?)-3 Dec.1922). She married Abraham Ruddle Byrd (Byrd 363 ) of Jackson, Missouri.



Joseph's third marriage was in August 1865 to Emeline Dunklin Sherwood (13 Apr. 1883-30 Mar. 1914). Their children were:

Lee (133)

Joseph (15 Apr. 1868-26 June 1869)

Emma (135)

Virginia "Jennie" (New Madrid, Missouri, ( . . . . . 1875- . . . . . 1937) She married Louis B. Houck, a nephew of Louis Houck the historian and railroad builder. They lived in Cape Girardeau in a home razed in 1958 to make way for a new women's dormitory at State College. The Houck's had no children of their own, but adopted a daughter, Frances V., who married Judge Norwin D. Houser of Perryville, late Judge of the St. Louis Court of Appeals, but now a Judge of the Missouri Supreme Court in Jefferson City. Virginia is buried in Forest Lawn Cemetery in Los Angeles, California.

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## HUNTER, CATHERINE

(25 Dec. 1824-27 Mar. 1885) She was the daughter of Abraham and Sarah Ogden Hunter.

She married first Americus Price, but they had no children.

She married 18 October 1844 in Scott County, Missouri, Marmaduke Beckwith (See Beckwith 437) (Fairfax County, Virginia 10 Jan. 1805 -Ar-

cadia, Missouri 29 Mar. 1881). Marmaduke with his father, Newman, and several brothers, settled in what is now Mississippi County, Missouri, in 1811 or 1812.

Their children were:

Amanda Hunter (141)

Judith Ann (20 June 1849-Dallas, Texas . . . . .) She married Henry "Harry" Pease of Farmington, Missouri, and had a son, Henry, and several other children including Ella, Minnie, Sybil, and Harry.

Richard A. (. . . . . - . . . . .) who died without issue.

Thomas B. (. . . . . 1861 - . . . . . 1875) who died without issue.

Yancy (. . . . . - . . . . .)

## HUNTER, BEN FRANKLIN

(Scott County, Missouri 17 Oct. 1831-Sikeston, Missouri 10 Jan. 1895) He was the son of Abraham and Sarah Ogden Hunter.

Ben F. Hunter and his brothers, Isaac and Joseph, were three prominent and influential men. Isaac lived at Morley, Joseph at New Madrid, and Ben F. at Sikeston. In their habits and ways and in the way their minds acted and reacted, they were quite different.

Ben F. when thirty-five or forty years old was five feet eleven inches in height, weighed one



BENJAMIN FRANKLIN HUNTER

1831 - 1895



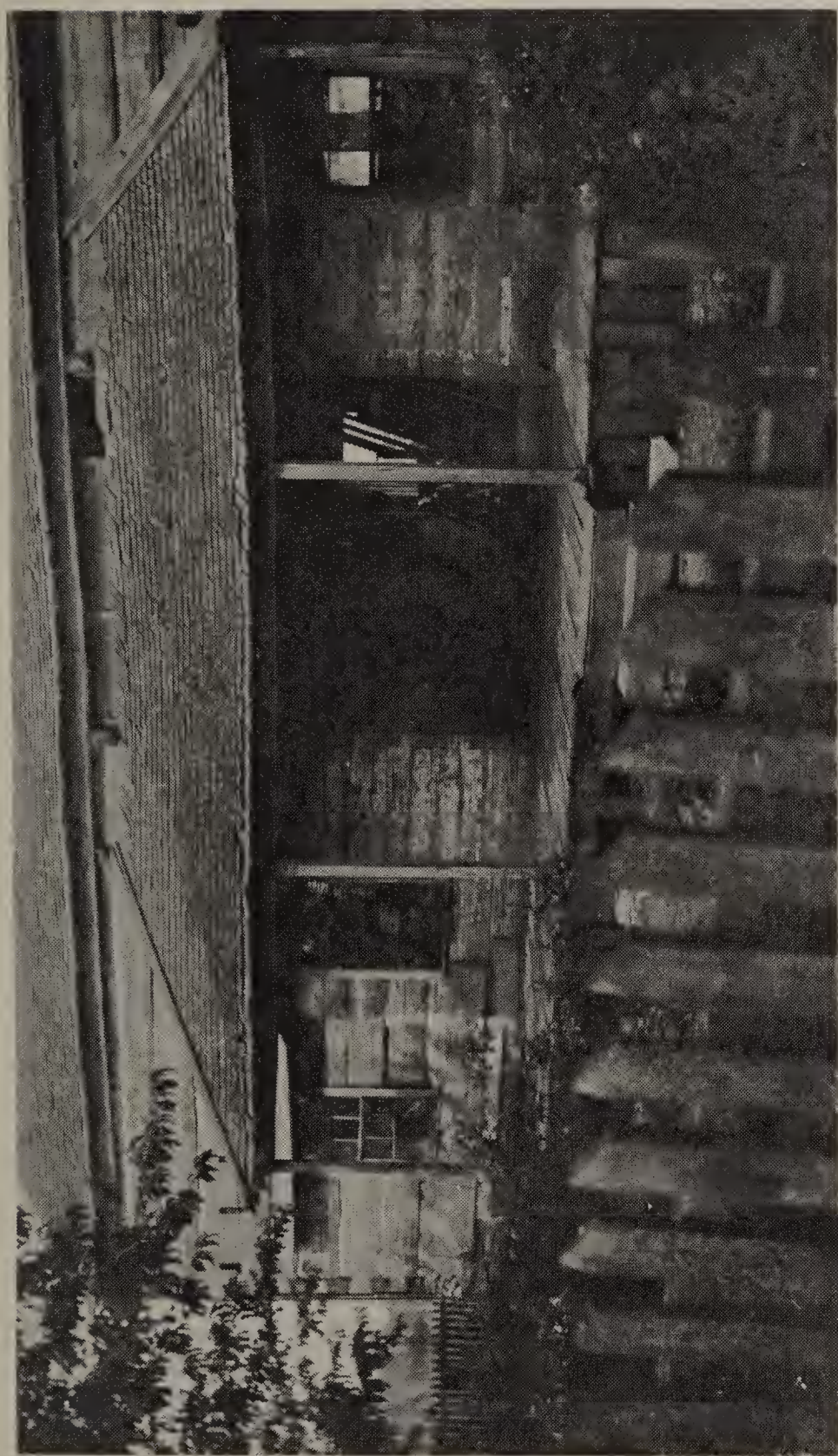
hundred sixty pounds, and must have been just about a perfect physical specimen. In 1876 he had a long illness, after which he took a trip to Florida. Thereafter he began to take on weight and became a very heavy man, which likely shortened his years.

Ben F. Hunter lived all his life in Scott County. He was educated at Anderson's College in New Albany, Indiana. The dictionary he used bears the inscription "New Albany 1848."

When twenty-one years of age he set out on his own, lived for a time in a small log house, but having secured a contract to do some public work which proved to be quite remunerative for that period of time, he soon afterward built a double log house which is still in use. This house was constructed of large hewn cypress logs. Some of the timbers were the full length of the house; that is, about sixty feet.

It was to this house he brought his first bride, Eliza Bird Hunter, and here their son, John Abraham, was born. At the time of his wife's death Mr. Hunter was a captain in the Confederate Army. His home was in the border country and when the war ended, like all who had favored the Confederacy, he felt very insecure and wondered how he would be treated. He tried to dispose of his home and lands, but the prospective buyers were impressed by rumors that all rebel property would be confiscated. Consequently they lost interest in the purchase and the deal





THE BEN F. HUNTER LOG HOUSE - 1908



was not closed.

Ben F. was a good businessman. He had been quite successful and had by his industry and economy accumulated some gold. This he had buried and it remained buried until the end of war, so he was not entirely penniless. After local conditions became more settled, he found that he could again prosper where he was located.

On 23 April 1867 he married Nancy Emily Bird (Byrd 212548) sister of his first wife. She is buried in the Sikeston Cemetery. They lived in the double loghouse where their first three children were born.

Not long after the war the Cairo & Fulton railroad was extended and passed through Sikeston. In 1871 Ben F. erected a large frame house of white pine lumber bought in Chicago and shipped by rail to Sikeston. This home burned in 1888. Then he built a brick house in the town of Sikeston, located on land where his grandfather, Joseph Hunter II, had lived.

Ben F. Hunter liked people and was perhaps held in high esteem by more people than any other citizen because he had lived a life trying to persuade and help people become home owners. If he wanted to purchase a piece of property and learned that someone wanted it for a home, he ceased to be a prospective buyer and often would lend money to the person wanting it for a home. He then kept in touch with the borrower and encouraged him in every way he could to succeed.

If a man requested a loan and Ben F., after talking with him, thought the money would be



badly invested, he would refuse the loan, and tell the prospective borrower why. If he thought the man was making a good investment, he gladly made the loan and would encourage and assist in every way. He reasoned thus -- if one borrows money and loses it, he is displeased and damaged; if on the other hand, he succeeds, he is pleased and benefited.

More men in Scott County would follow his advice because they liked him, than that of any other man who ever lived in the county. His philosophy and greatest pleasure in life was to help people. He would encourage a man who wanted to buy a team or tools to start out for himself, often saying, "You are putting in your time and labor so get the very best that can be found; not a cheap or poor tool, but the very best!"

He had the ability--the word psychology was not yet in vogue--to look a man in the face and read him and draw correct conclusions. He believed any man who was truthful and honest and industrious was entitled to credit and would pay if he remained alive. He advised people to keep out of debt; and if they went into debt for a good purpose, to get out as speedily as possible. He would rarely take a chattel mortgage because if the man died he was unwilling to collect from the widow, and perhaps small children, by taking their only means of livelihood. Life insurance was not known or used by very many people during the years before 1895 in some counties in Missouri.

When loans were being made on security of personal endorsers, and he thought the endorsers would have to pay, he would warn them carefully before making the loan. By his ability, frugality, and economy he accumulated an estate in real and personal property at that time larger than any one else born in the County of Scott.

In politics he was a follower of the principles of Thomas Jefferson. He was a Mason and a Methodist. He was a member of the County Court when the Civil War began. He served in the Missouri Legislature as representative of Scott County.

He liked people and wanted to see everyone own his own home--a real philanthropist. He was a family man and spent much time with his family. He was a successful farmer and followed practices that maintained the fertility of the soil. His business made it important to have all the information he could gather about a great many people. If he had information that was not favorable, he did not impart it to anyone.

On one occasion he said to a Mr. Dunnican, an Irishman with a beautiful brogue, "Mr. So and So is no account."

"Ah," replied the Irishman, "Faith and he's shure an exchellant whisstler."

On 8(3?) April 1860 he married Mary Eliza Bird (26 Jan. 1838-Tiptonville, Tennessee .. Feb. 1862) of Bird's Point, Missouri. They had a son,

On 23 April 1867 he married Nancy Emily Bird (Bird 212548) (16 Oct.1840-Charleston, Missouri 10 Feb.1922) a sister of his first wife. She is buried in the Sikeston Cemetery.

Mary Bird (152)  
Clara Catherine (153)  
Stephen Ben (154)  
Lucy Nancy (155)  
Sarah "Sallie" Ingabo (156)

Below is given the will of Ben F. Hunter.

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WILL OF BEN F. HUNTER

Will dated April 29, 1893  
Filed January 16, 1900  
Recorded Book 1544 Page 158

I, Ben F. Hunter of Scott County Missouri do make publish and declare this to be my last will and testament, hereby revoking, annulling and cancelling all former wills by me made.

First: I authorize and request my wife Nancy E. Hunter to pay any indebtedness that may be due and owing by me and collect all demands and debts due me at my death without taking out any



letters of administration on my estate and without being held amenable to the supervision or jurisdiction of any Court in the execution and performance of such trust.

Second: After payment of my debts I give devise and bequeath unto my said wife all my personal estate of whatever kind, character or description and wheresoever situate, including moneys, bonds, choses in action and in short everything personal of a describable or inheritable nature. To have and to hold the same unto my said wife for and during her natural life and at her death to go to my five children to-wit: Mary, Clara, Stephen, Lucy and Sallie, save and except the household and kitchenfurniture of my dwelling house, which is to remain in said house and be the property of my said daughter Sallie.

Third: Having disposed of certain of my lands to my said five children by deeds dated August 22d 1892 to the end that such divisions thereof may be more equal I hereby require my son Stephen immediately upon the death of my said wife to pay over to each of my said daughters the sum of Two thousand Dollars out of his part of the money of my estate.

Fourth: I desire that my wife carry on after my death business as I have done and employ my son Stephen to transact the same for her and pay him a salary of One thousand Dollars annually for his services, to begin from date of his majority.

Fifth: At the death of my said wife it is my will that my said son proceed to divide the promissory notes and other personal property among all my said children or collect the notes and divide the money as aforesaid and that he have three years if he thinks necessary to make such collections and payments as in this section set forth.

Sixth: It is my will that all school and board bills of my children be paid by my wife including all their expenses just the same as I am doing out of the common fund of our estate. That our residence be a common home for all of my children during the life of my wife, and further that Etty Hunter and Beckie Dunican be provided for at this home so long as they remain a part of and under family guidance just as I have provided for them.

Seventh: I hereby appoint my son Stephen B. Hunter a Commissioner to act for my heirs, and authorize him to sell and convey any and all of my real estate not before deeded by me including whatever other lands in the course of business fall back to the estate or may be purchased by me, the money so arising from such sales to be divided among all my children as the other moneys of my estate. And further my said son is requested to advise with my other children and annually to make a report to them of his business transaction touching the estate.

In Testimony Whereof I hereunto subscribe my name this 29th day of April 1893.

Signed: BEN F. HUNTER

We attest and sign our names as witnesses to the foregoing will in the presence and at the request of Ben F. Hunter, the testator, This April 29th 1893.

JOS. H. MOORE

ANDREW J. MATTHEWS

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This is a codicil to my last will and testament, bearing date the 29th day of April 1893

1st It was not my intention or purpose to limit my wife in item "second" of said will in the use and enjoyment of the moneys, notes, bonds, stocks and other evidences of debt to any particular sum or sums, but to give her all such sums out of said personally as she may find necessary for her comfort and pleasure and for defraying the expenses of preserving and keeping said moneys, notes, bonds and stocks invested as stated in item "Forth."

2nd Having full faith in the ability and integrity of my son Stephen B. Hunter I appoint him the sole Executor and trustie of this my will and codicil, and it is my desire and I so will and direct, that he be relieved from giving any bond whatever in the Probate or any other Court, as Executor, trustie or Commissioner.

3rd That there may be no question as to the power intended and given to my son Stephen B.



Hunter in item "Seventh" of said Will, to make a sale or sales of the residue of all lands I may die seized of and not heretofore disposed of in this will and codicil, I now declare it to be my will and I do hereby invest him with the absolute power to sell any and all of such undisposed of lands as he may think best and profitable for his sisters and himself. This power is given him as my executor and trustie and is independent of any order of any Court whatever.

4th. If Beckie Dunnican remains with my family and subject to their guidance and control until she arrives at the age of sixteen years, I then direct and will that she be sent to some good school for the period of two years and that the expenses of so doing be paid by my wife out of my personal estate. If my wife should die before that time then I direct such payment to be made by my son out of my personal estate.

5th. I desire that my son-in-law Robert P. White-sell cause to be erected a granite monument at the burial place of myself and wives, to cost not less than one thousand Dollars to be paid for by my Executor out of my personal estate.

In Witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name this 12th day of December 1894

Signed: BEN F. HUNTER

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The foregoing instrument was at the date thereof signed and declared by the said Ben F.

Hunter, as and for a codicil to his last will and testament, in the presence of us, who, at his request and in his presence and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto

R. B. OLIVER

O. E. KENDALL

JOS. H. MOORE

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### PROOF OF WILL

State of Missouri)	} SS	In the Probate Court
County of Scott		

Be it remembered that on this 25th day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety five before me Charles A. Leedy Judge of the Probate Court held in and for the County of Scott and State of Missouri personally appeared Andrew J. Matthews who being duly sworn upon his oath deposes and says that he was present and saw Ben F. Hunter sign the foregoing instrument, purporting to be the last will and testament of him the said Ben F. Hunter and heard him publish and declare the same to be his last will and testament and that at the time of signing the same the said Ben F. Hunter was of sound and disposing mind, and that he deponent and Jos. H. Moore the other attesting witness, subscribed their names thereto as witnesses to the same in the presence of the testator and of each other and at the request of the said Ben F. Hunter.

Signed: ANDREW J. MATTHEWS

## PROOF OF WILL

State of Missouri }  
County of Scott } SS In the Probate Court

Be it remembered that on the 25th day of January in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and ninety five before me Charles A. Leedy Judge of the Probate Court held in and for the County of Scott and State of Missouri, personally appeared Jos. H. Moore who being duly sworn upon his oath deposes and says that he was present and saw Ben F. Hunter sign the foregoing instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of him the said Ben F. Hunter and heard him publish and declare the same to be his last will and testament, and that at the time of signing the same the said Ben F. Hunter was of sound and disposing mind and that he deponent and A. J. Matthews the other attesting witness subscribed their names thereto as witnesses to the same in the presence of the testator, and of each other and at the request of the said Ben F. Hunter.

Signed: JOSEPH H. MOORE

Sworn to and subscribed before me Charles A. Leedy Judge of the Probate Court the day and year first aforesaid

CHARLES A. LEEDY Judge

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## PROOF OF WILL

State of Missouri) }  
County of Scott } SS                      In the Probate Court

Be it remembered that on this 25th day of January in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and ninety five before me Charles A. Leedy Judge of the Probate Court held in and for the County of Scott and State of Missouri personally appeared R. B. Oliver and Jos H. Moore who being duly sworn upon their oath depose and say that they were present and saw Ben F. Hunter sign the foregoing instrument purporting to be the codicil to the last will and testament of him the said Ben F. Hunter and heard him publish and declare the same to be a codicil to his last will and testament, and that at the time of signing the same the said Ben F. Hunter was of sound and disposing mind and that they deponents and O. E. Kendall the other attesting witness subscribed their names thereto as witnesses to the same in the presence of the testator and of each other, and at the request of the said Ben F. Hunter.

Signed: R. B. OLIVER  
JOSEPH H. MOORE

Sworn to and subscribed before me Charles A. Leedy Judge of the Probate Court the day and year aforesaid.

CHARLES A. LEEDY Judge

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## CERTIFICATE OF PROBATE OF WILL

State of Missouri) }  
County of Scott } SS                      In the Probate Court

I Charles A. Leedy, Judge of the Probate Court of Scott County Missouri, having examined the foregoing instrument purporting to be the last will and Codicil to same of Ben F. Hunter deceased and signed by Ben F. Hunter and having heard the testimony of Andrew J. Matthews and Joseph H. Moore subscribing witnesses thereto, in relation to the execution of the will, and having heard the testimony of R. B. Oliver and Joseph H. Moore, two of the subscribing witnesses thereto in relation to the execution of the Codicil to said will, do declare and adjudge said instrument to be the Last Will Testament and Codicil of the said Ben F. Hunter deceased late of Scott County Missouri.

In Testimony Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court Done at office in Benton this 25th day of January A. D. 1895.

CHARLES A. LEEDY Judge

Endorsed as follows:

Will and Codicil of Ben F. Hunter Dec<sup>d</sup>.

Probated and filed January 25th 1895.

CHARLES A. LEEDY Judge

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## HUNTER, AMANDA

(22 June 1834-Louisville, Kentucky . . . . .)  
She was the daughter of Abraham and Sarah Ogden Hunter. She married Tom Jinks Phillips of Louisville, Kentucky. They had no children.

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## STALLCUP, JAMES

(10 Sept. 1824-28 Mar. 1861) He was the son of Mark Hardin and Hannah Hunter Stallcup. He married 8 February 1849 Catherine Sikes (13 May 1825-3 June 1883) (See Sikes Family).

Their children were:

Delia, died young.

Mary "Mollie" Hannah (212)

Mark Hardin (213)

Emma

James Stallcup's widow married 25 December 1864 John Carnes (. . . . . 1822-13 Dec. 1873).

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## STALLCUP, CATHERINE

(17 Nov. 1821-16 Aug. 1909) She was the daughter of Mark Hardin and Hannah Hunter Stallcup. She married in 1840 Andrew William Myers of Benton, Missouri, and had a daughter, Jennie (221)

In 1844 she married John Sikes (See Sikes Family) (5 Apr. 1816-23 Dec. 1867) They had three

children: James died young; Pinky died young, and Needham who married Sallie Wyatt and had two daughters, Ethel and Catherine, who left Sikeston years ago.

John Sikes was the founder of Sikeston, Missouri, and a prominent merchant in that community. He was shot and killed by a drunken acquaintance whom he had befriended, and who escaped from jail before being tried.

Her third marriage was to Judge Noah Handy of Charleston; there were no children.

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STALLCUP, LYDIA

(29 Nov. 1825-25 July 1863) She was the daughter of Mark Hardin and Hannah Hunter Stallcup.

She married first William Sikes (Sikes 1) (18 Feb. 1814-23 Dec. 1853). They had issue:

Laura Williams (231)

Francis "Frank" Marion (232)

William Washington (233)

On 28 October 1855 Lydia married William Reed Brown (3 Mar. 1816-29 Dec. 1863) and bore Mary Catherine "Kate" Brown (234) and Thomas Reed and Ella May; both of them dying young.

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HUNTER, JOSEPH "YOUNG JOE"

(20 Aug. 1829-12 Oct. 1864) He was the son of

"YOUNG JOE" HUNTER 31 119

James and Lucy M. Beckwith Hunter (Beckwith 43)  
His death resulted from wounds received in the  
Battle of Pilot Knob. He is buried at Jackson.

He married 13 June 1854 Nancy Horrell (Byrd  
34) (27 Oct. 1835-19 Sept. 1897) of Jackson, Mis-  
souri, who is buried in St. Louis Cemetery in  
Tampa, Florida.

Their children were:

James William (311)

Lucy Katherine (312)

Mollie (Jackson, Missouri 4 July 1861-12  
June 1941). She never married and is  
also buried in Tampa, Florida.

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HUNTER, CATHERINE "KATE"

(Carroltown(?) . . . . . 1833-25 July 1858)  
Daughter of James and Lucy M. Beckwith Hunter.  
She married 10 July 1853 John Carnes (. . . . .  
1822-16 Dec. 1873) in New Madrid County, Mis-  
souri. They had a daughter, Camille (27 Jan.  
1857-18 Feb. 1874) "Too pure for earth she  
plumed her wing for heaven." All three are bur-  
ied in the Hunter Family Cemetery at Sikeston  
(See tombstone).

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HUNTER, SAMUEL

(28 Feb. 1828-12 Feb. 1864) The son of David  
and Nancy Phillips Hunter. He is buried near



LaForge, Missouri.

Samuel was a well-known planter and stockman in New Madrid County and received a handsome trophy for his cattle exhibit at the Southeast Missouri Fair in Cape Girardeau in 1858. This trophy is in the possession of his grandson Samuel Hunter, of New Madrid, Missouri.

He married Mary Anna Lewis (18 Mar. 1833-1 June 1924) the daughter of Lilbourn Lewis of New Madrid, Missouri.

Their children were:

David, who died in infancy.

Louis Ferguson (412)

Albert B. (413)

Shapley R. (414)

Anna who married a son of Hunter Broughton  
Nancy (415)

Sterling P. (... .. 1861-28 May 1941).

He married Lilla B. Powell (17 Nov. 1857-26 Nov. 1894) but no issue. A second marriage was to Leila Powell (... .. 1872-... .. 1944). They had two children who died in infancy.

Samuel M. (... .. 1864-... .. 1924)

who married Effie Cloyd; no issue. He was educated at Westminster College in Fulton, Missouri. He once demonstrated to a professor that he could throw a curved ball by setting up stakes and throwing around them; probably the first such demonstration. He was a

great lover of race horses and formed an association to gather and organize all needed information on performance and defeats of horses and jockeys.

Betty (... ..-... ..) who married Horrell Johnson; no issue.

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## HUNTER, ELIZABETH "BETTY"

(8 Oct.1836-17 Apr.1909) The daughter of David and Nancy Phillips Hunter of New Madrid County.

In a double wedding with her sister, Jennie, she married her second cousin, Charles H. Riley (See under Riley 1) (8 Feb.1835-8 Feb.1909) son of Amos and Lucy Hamilton Riley. Betty owned land in New Madrid County and managed it very successfully.

Their children were (three of them are listed on Elizabeth's grave slab in the Evergreen Cemetery):

Amos C. (3 Nov.1858-23 Mar.1865)

William L. (27 Mar.1863-20 Dec.1863)

Samuel H. (20 Nov.1868-30 Aug.1875)

Lula (... ..-... ..) who married Frank Early and is survived by three sons and is buried in a cemetery just north of New Madrid.

Annie, who became a nun.

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HUNTER, MARY "MARIA"

(10 Sept. 1836-14 Mar. 1901) The daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth Johnson Hunter. She is buried at Benton, Missouri.

On 11 November 1852 she married Major James Parrott (26 Feb. 1826-Little Rock, Arkansas 13 May 1864). He died in Little Rock of the smallpox while on his way home after having been mustered out of service. The body was shipped to Commerce by boat and his brother-in-law, Joseph Moore, and a Negro hauled it for burial in a private cemetery on a farm now known as the Northduft Place.

Their children were:

Joseph W. (4 Sept. 1853-25 Apr. 1904) He is buried in Old Morley Cemetery. He married Emma Danforth and had one child who died in infancy, the mother dying soon after. Then he married Harriett Jackson (. . . . . 1873-. . . . . 1900). They had two children, Vergil and Harry, both now deceased.

Anna Elizabeth (522)

Richard (7 Mar. 1858-11 Oct. 1860)

Beulah Lee (30 June 1861-27 Jan. 1873)

Eva M. (10 Mar. 1863-25 Nov. 1867)

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HUNTER, ANNA ELIZABETH

(Benton, Missouri 3 Apr. 1839-13 June 1874)



The daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth Johnson Hunter. She had a twin brother who died in infancy.

She married in Benton, Missouri, in December 1857 Joseph Harvey Moore (12 June 1836-31 Dec. 1915) a prominent lawyer of Commerce, Missouri, and a noted abstractor of titles and business counselor in Scott County, Missouri.

Their children were:

Elizabeth "Lizzie" (531)

Joseph Lee (532)

Susie (25 June 1864-.. Mar. 1892) who married Colin Threadgill. She had one child  
..... (18 Mar. 1892-31 Aug. 1892).

Anna E. (1 Dec. 1871-14 Nov. 1888) who died without issue while attending school at Nashville, Tennessee.

Charles Albion (29 Jan. 1861-Charleston, Missouri 8 Dec. 1884) who died without issue.

Bertie (27 Feb. 1874-Cairo, Illinois 18 Dec. 1942). She married Dr. Henry A. Davis of Cairo and Commerce, but had no issue.

Bernie H. (27 Feb. 1874-1 Oct. 1874) a twin of Bertie.

Joseph Harvey Moore's second marriage was to Emma P. Ross (3 Feb. 1854-21 Jan. 1879) and they had only one child, B. Cove (10 Jan. 1879-5 Sept. 1928) who married 7 February 1899 Susie E. Marshall and had children: Marshall (20 Nov. 1899-.. ..); Marjorie (22 Nov. 1901-.. ..

....) who married Chalmer D. Salt in 1924 but has no children; and Frances (3 Oct. 1903-12 Sept. 1942) who married 5 October 1927 Fred Kage.

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## HUNTER, WILLIAM

(11 Sept. 1848-23 Dec. 1919) He was the son of Thomas and Eliza Myers Hunter of Benton, Missouri. William is buried at Benton.

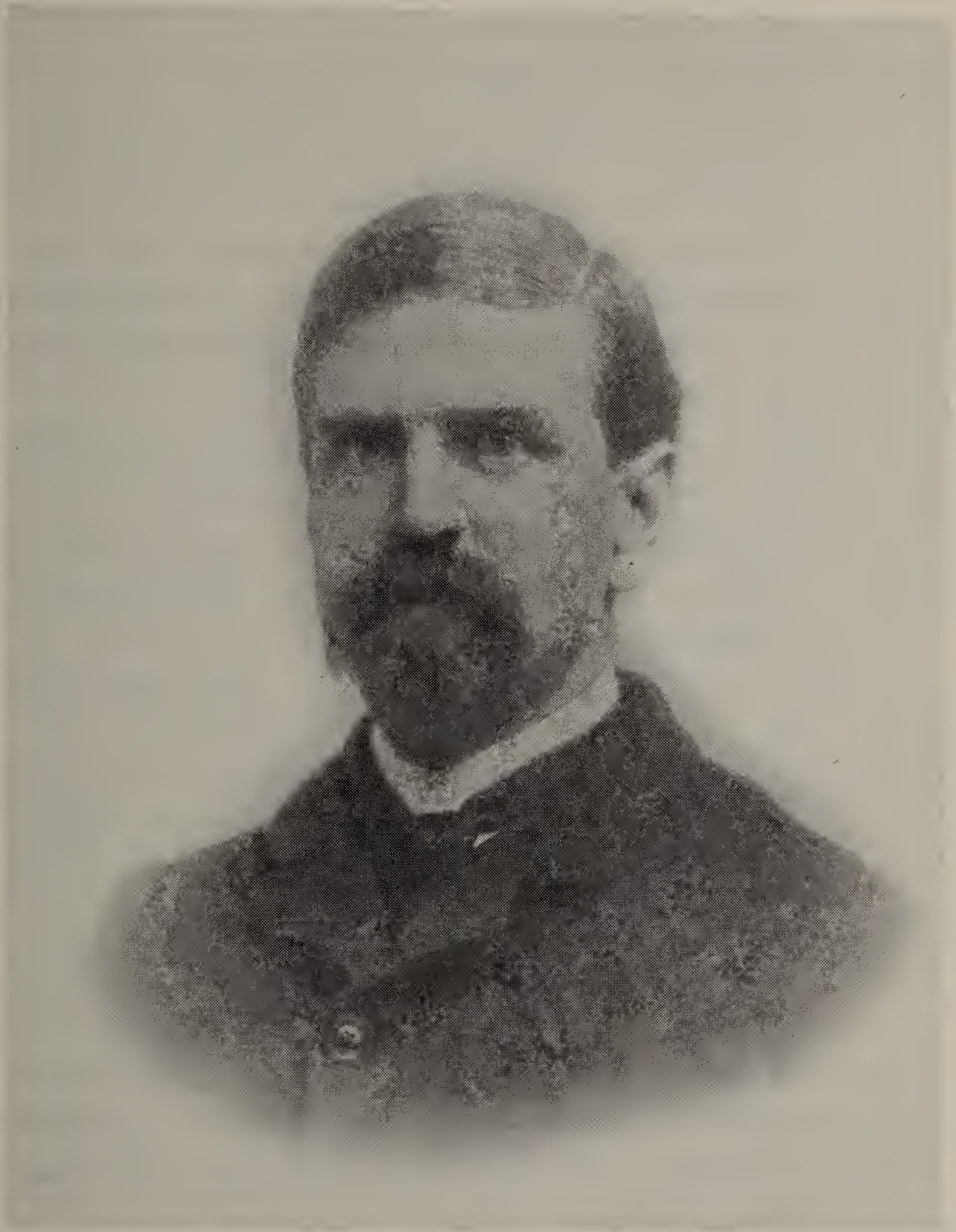
William was educated at Jefferson College in Louisiana and at Harvard Law School.

While attending Harvard Law School William Hunter was admitted to the bar at Cambridge and made a trip to Europe during the summer of 1873. He was one of the ablest and most prominent lawyers of Southeast Missouri. He served as Prosecuting Attorney of Scott County, and as State Senator from the 23rd District. He was a true optimist and had great faith in the future of Southeast Missouri. He practically gave up his law practice to devote his time to the management of his very extensive land holdings. At one time he was probably the largest individual landowner in Missouri.

On 31 Dec. 1876 he married Ella Walker (Kentucky 6 Dec. 1853-Benton, Missouri 5 Jan. 1916)

Their children were:

Lewis Linn (19 Oct. 1877 - Caruthersville, Missouri 4 Dec. 1932) He was graduated from the University of Missouri. He



SENATOR WILLIAM HUNTER  
of  
Benton, Missouri



never married. He is buried in the Benton Cemetery.

Mabel (Commerce 20 Aug. 1879-20 Dec. 1938) who married Dr. Uriel Haw (28 Dec. 1872-16 July 1940) Dr. Haw was killed by a man who became deranged when worried about the proceedings of the local draft board at Benton during World War II. They had a son, Joseph, who is a druggist and farmer at Bernie, Missouri.

Thomas (Benton, Missouri 28 Aug. 1882-Beechland, Missouri 5 Oct. 1883).

Mary Amanda (Beechland, Missouri 18 Feb. 1884-Beechland, Missouri 23 Oct. 1884).

William Joseph (635)

Margaret (Benton, Missouri 28 June 1888-Benton, Missouri 19 Dec. 1890).

Martha (29 Dec. 1891-Macon, Missouri 22 Sept. 1919) who married J. R. Henderson of Macon, Missouri, and had one son.

Catherine (30 Oct. 1895-19 Dec. 1924) who married Robert E. Norrid (2 Feb. 1895-12 Sept. 1919) of Benton, Missouri. They had one son, Robert E. Junior (19 Mar. 1918-... ..) who lives in New Jersey. Catherine later married Leon Heisserer.

(2 Mar. 1848-10 Nov. 1944) She was the daughter of Andrew and Mary Hunter Giboney. She is

buried in Old Lorimier Cemetery in Cape Girardeau (See tombstone).

On 25 December 1872 she married Louis Houck (1 Apr. 1840-17 Feb. 1925) of Cape Girardeau. He too is buried in Old Lorimier Cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Houck were leading citizens of the area. Their beautiful country estate, Elmwood, is located about five miles from Cape Girardeau. They took an active interest in all public affairs that contributed to the social, economic, and cultural advancement of Cape Girardeau. Mr. Houck was the son of Bartholomew Houck of Bavaria and Ann Sinn of Switzerland who came to America in 1829 or 1830.

Mr. Houck was an eminent lawyer and a man of great energy. He is the author of The Spanish Regime in two volumes and the renowned History of Missouri in three volumes covering the history of this area from the earliest time until Missouri was admitted as a state in 1821. Both works are accepted as authoritative.

He built the Houck system of railroads crisscrossing Southeast Missouri against almost insurmountable physical and financial obstacles.

He gave generously of his valuable time to the state educational institution located in Cape Girardeau, serving on the Board of Regents from 1886 until his death in 1925. The college's athletic stadium and field house are named in his honor. His own education was such that he was

almost a 'walking encyclopedia' on any subject.

Mrs. Houck was deeply interested in all the things that occupied her husband's attention and yet found time to devote to the social entertaining of not only the young people of Cape Girardeau County but many of those who came to attend the schools of the city. It was a great treat to these young people to be invited to spend the weekend at Elmwood, the country home of the Houcks. They never forgot the pleasant time they had and in later years were of real value to Mr. Houck. Mrs. Houck was a member of women's organizations in the state. She founded the Nancy Hunter Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution and was a member of the Daughters of the Confederacy.

Mr. Houck was a fluent speaker in both English and German. On one occasion during a national campaign Mr. Houck was a Democratic elector and made many addresses. The Republicans sent a man from their headquarters to follow up and reply to Mr. Houck. He came to Southeast Missouri, learned where Mr. Houck's next speech was to be made, and appeared on the scene. Realizing the visitor's purpose and knowing his audience understood German, Houck gave his entire address in that language without the "guest" knowing a word of what was said. The visitor went away in disgust.

Louis and Mary Hunter Giboney Houck's children were:



Erma (811)

Rebecca (812)

Giboney (15 Jan. 18... ..) un-

married, is a graduate of the University of Missouri, an attorney in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, and a veteran of the Spanish-American War. He represented Cape Girardeau County in the General Assembly one term. Giboney resides at the family homestead, Elmwood.

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(William Henry Sikes (2323) from page 149:

birth; the infant son also died. On 11 March 1920 he married Mary Ross (Russellville, Arkansas 12 Aug. 1889-... ..); children:

Mary Jane (20 Mar. 1922-... ..) who married 3 November 1943 Charles Sayers Tanner, of Sikeston, Missouri. They had four children: Charles Sayers Junior (27 Feb. 1948); William Kevin (11 Mar. 1949); Mary Elizabeth (13 Apr. 1955); and Jane Ellen (18 Oct. 1956).

William Francis (30 Apr. 1926-... ..) married 9 August 1952 Barbara Ann Miller, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Miller of Columbia, Missouri. Their children: Baby Boy who died at birth; Mary Nell; and Anne Miller.



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I later married Alvina Lattimer (1 Oct. 1911-... ..) and they had a son and a daughter: Jackson Clay (20 Jan. 1945-... ..) and Mary Ella (25 May 1947-... ..).

Albert B. Junior (31 Oct. 1882-4 Sept. 1946) who married Georgia Bell Search (19 Apr. 1881-6 May 1908) and had two daughters: Justine (18 Mar. 1906) who married 26 December 1927 Clay Ransburg and has one daughter, Virginia Ann (19 Sept. 1928-... ..) who married George Riley and has Mary Hunter, Susan, Lynn, and John Davis. A.B. later married Grace Leatherberry and they had Albert, Mary Elizabeth, and David.

Camille Anne (5 Apr. 1890-26 Mar. 1914) who married John R. Corbett (... .. 1891(?)-... Mar. 1913) of Marion, Indiana. She later married Russell Pinnell (19 Feb. 1891-19 Sept. 1958) and had one daughter, Jane Hunter (9 Mar. 1914-... ..) who married 20 June 1936 Charles Keller and has two children, Charles Junior and Mary Jane.



## Chapter Three

### FOURTH GENERATION OF HUNTERS

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PRICE, CATHERINE HUNTER

(25 Nov. 1836-8 May 1917) She was a daughter of Archibald A. and Mary Hunter Price. She is buried at Morley, Missouri.

She married 1 July 1856 Benjamin S. Curd (Murray, Kentucky . . . . . 1833-Morley, Missouri 16 Jan. 1924) and had one child, Lutie (1111).

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PRICE, MARY ELIZABETH HUNTER

(Scott County, Missouri . . . . . - . . . . .) She was the daughter of Archibald A. and Mary Hunter Price.

She married Archie Griffith (. . . . . - Morley, Missouri . . . . .) and had a son and a daughter:

William (. . . . . - . . . . .) who was reared in the home of his uncle, Ben F. Hunter of Sikeston. He was educated in



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the Normal School at Cape Girardeau and became a businessman at Morley, Missouri. William disappeared from Morley in March 1889 and was never heard from again. So far as is known he never married.

Annie (... ..-... ..) who married Dr. Benjamin Franklin Pierce Ours at Morley, Missouri, and moved to West Virginia, his home.

Mary Elizabeth Hunter Price Griffith later married a Mr. Keightly; they had no children.

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HUNTER, ALTHEA "SARAH" HILL

(5 Aug. 1845-... Oct. 1873) She was the daughter of Isaac Ogden and Susan Hill Hunter. She is buried in a cemetery on Bird's Farm.

She married .. February 1867 Stephen Bird (Bird 212546).

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HUNTER, MARY "MOLLIE"

(31 Mar. 1851-Union City, Tennessee .. .. .) She was the daughter of Isaac Ogden and Ellen Maulsby Hunter. On 11 April 1872 she was united in marriage with Rice A. Pierce (3 July 1847-12 June 1936) a prominent lawyer of Union City. Mr. Pierce served twenty years in the United States Congress. He was a Confeder-

ate soldier and for many years was head of the Veterans of the Confederate Armies.

Their children were:

Thomas M. (1221)

Rice A. Junior (... ..-... ..)

He was a lawyer practicing in St. Louis County, Missouri. He married Verna ..... (1 May 1900-... May 1952) They had two children: Rice A. III (14 Nov. 1916-... ..) living in Nashville, Tennessee; and Thomas R. (25 Oct. 1919-... ..) now living near Mt. Joliet, Tennessee.

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HUNTER, AMANDA

(27 Feb. 1853-Cairo, Illinois 6 July 1919) She was the daughter of Isaac Ogden and Ellen Maulsby Hunter.

On 26 October 1875 she became the second wife of Stephen Bird (Bird 12546) (27 Jan. 1836-7 Feb. 1912) a lawyer practicing in Cairo, Illinois. Both are buried in Bird's Cemetery near Bird's Point, Missouri.

They had a son, Hunter Linn (... Oct. 1880-Cairo, Illinois 23 Mar. 1940) who was also an attorney of Cairo. He is buried in Spencer Height Cemetery in Mound City, Illinois. He was married .. February 1925 to Ruth Bennett and they had two children: Robert Hunter (... Nov. 1925-

... ..) and Shirley Ruth (12 Feb. 1927-... ..). Ruth Bennett Bird, now widowed, lives with her unmarried son, Robert, at 211 South Elm Street, in Webster Groves, Missouri. Bob has the sword of Abraham Hunter (Hunter 312)

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HUNTER, JOHANNA "ANNIE"

(13 Jan. 1861 - Cape Girardeau, Missouri 27 Dec. 1947) She was the daughter of Isaac Ogden and Ellen Maulsby Hunter.

She married 12 August 1882 James McPheeters (Illinois 13(16?) 1853-Cape Girardeau, Missouri 24 Dec. 1938). Mr. McPheeters was County Clerk of Scott County, Missouri, for four decades.

Their children were:

Chester James (26 Apr. 1889-... ..) who married Lenore Woodward (... .. 1894-... ..) and lives in St. Louis. They have two children: Woodward (... .. 1923-... ..) and Sherma Leigh (... .. 1934-... ..)

Sherma Elinor (1272)

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HUNTER, JOHN JACKSON

(1 Dec. 1867-Cape Girardeau, Missouri 27 Oct. 1938) He was the son of Isaac Ogden and Ellen Maulsby Hunter. He is buried at Morley. John Hunter was educated in local schools in Scott



County and at the Bellevue Institute in Caledonia, Missouri. He was for years cashier of the Scott County Bank of Morley and a very successful businessman.

He married Nannie McMullin (Scott County, Missouri 16 Jan. 1872-.. . . .) daughter of James and Espiza McMullin of Scott County.

Their children were:

Isaac McMullin "Mack" (6 July 1900-.. . . .  
.. . . .) On 25 November 1926 he married  
Lois Larson (Benton, Missouri 8 Dec.  
1914-.. . . .). They had a son,  
John, who was killed in Korea, never  
having married; and a married daughter  
Nancy. "Mack" later married Edith Lowe  
of Farmington; they are now residing in  
Normandy, Missouri.

Abraham Jackson (12102)

Charles (12103)

Ben Franklin (15 Oct. 1915-17 July 1942)

He died from burns suffered in an explosion of an oil boat on which he was employed. He never married.

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HUNTER, CHARLES DICKSON "DICK"

(12(22?) Nov. 1870-.. July 1948) Son of Isaac Ogden and Ellen Maulsby Hunter. He is buried in Morley, Missouri.

He married Dodie Hines of Morley and they had:

Milford

Ellen who married Julian Dearmont of Cape Girardeau, and after his death married Frank Novak of Hialeah, Florida.

C. R.

## HUNTER, LOUIS LINN

(Morley, Missouri 4 Nov. 1874-Morley, Missouri 28 Nov. 1943) Son of Isaac Ogden and Ellen Maulsby Hunter.

He married Ella Shanks of Sikeston, Missouri. They had one son, Ward A., who became a prominent citizen of Morley. He operated a farm and for many years was connected with the Scott County Bank of Morley.

Ward is now a businessman and machinist of unusual ability, having done special work for Emerson Electric Company of St. Louis during World War II. He is a Mason. In politics he is a Democrat, having served as a member of the County Central Committee of Scott County, Missouri. He married Carra Adams but had no children.

## HUNTER, LEE

(New Madrid, Missouri 8 May 1865-St. Louis, Missouri 29 Aug. 1950) He is buried at Sikeston, Missouri. He was the son of Joseph and Emeline

Dunklin Sherwood Hunter.

Lee married Olinda "Ollie" Stark (31 July 1880-... ..) of Hermann, Missouri, a graduate of Washington and Lee University.

Their children were:

Irene (... ..-... ..) whomarried Dr. Fred Kramer.

Helen (1 Feb.1909-... ..) who married John J. Powers of St. Louis and had Susan Hunter, Sally Weyburn, and Cynthia Lee.

Virginia (24 Feb.1911-... ..)

Lee Junior (27 Apr.1913-... ..)

Marjorie (26 Nov.1914-... .. 1930)

Joseph (13 Aug.1917-... ..) who married Virginia Nelson and had Diana Nelson, Patricia Lee, and Joseph Dunklin.

Eveline (16 June 1919-... ..) who married William LeRoy.

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HUNTER, EMMA

(12 Nov.1873-10 Aug.1902) She was the daughter of Joseph and Emeline Dunklin Hunter of New Madrid, Missouri.

She married at New Madrid Judge Thomas Buford Allen (12 Mar.1868-St. Joseph, Missouri 20 July 1924) of Fredericktown, Missouri. Judge Allen was educated at the University of Missouri, and



became a Circuit Judge at St. Joseph, Missouri.

Their children were:

Joseph Hunter (1351)

Thomas B. Junior (1352)

BECKWITH, AMANDA HUNTER

(28 Aug. 1847-Piedmont, Missouri 4 Apr. 1927)  
She was the daughter of Marmaduke and Catherine Hunter Price Beckwith. Amanda Beckwith accompanied her grandfather, Abraham Hunter, to the state of Mississippi during the Civil War. She became a refugee for having sung "The Bonny Blue Flag" at the closing exercises of a public school in Mississippi County, Missouri. This produced such a furor she left the community and went to Kentucky, then later to Mississippi. She had the distinction of being especially honored for her personal service to the Confederates during the Civil War. When the Battle of Magnolia Church was fought, near Port Gibson, Mississippi, she assisted in caring for the wounded of both Confederate and Federal forces.

On 5 December 1866(8?) she married in Mississippi County, Missouri, Lyman Forsyth Medley (Medley 111).

Their children were:

Harrietta "Hattie" Ann (See Medley 1111)

Lyman Beckwith (27 Feb. 1875-... . 1951)  
who married Maude Raney, daughter of

AMANDA HUNTER BECKWITH 141 139

Congressman John R. Raney; they had no issue.

Mary Amanda (Piedmont, Missouri 7 Jan. 1878-... ..) who married 23 March 1904 Stephen Ben Hunter (Hunter 154)  
Althea "Allie" Hunter (Piedmont, Missouri 25 July 1880-Piedmont, Missouri ... .. 1940) who married 1 October 1903 John P. Keyes who lived and died in Kansas City, and had a son, Lyman Beckwith (31 Aug. 1904 - ... ..) who lives in Kansas City. Lyman is married and has a daughter, Judith, and a son, John, both of whom are married.

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## HUNTER, MARY BIRD

(Sikeston, Missouri 29 Jan. 1868-31 May 1949)  
She was the daughter of Ben Franklin and Nancy Emily Bird Hunter. She is buried at Charleston, Missouri. Mary was a very attractive woman in appearance. She generally made friends easily and kept them as friends. She was of a most gentle disposition and her charities were many. She was the friend of the colored people, as well as the white, of Charleston.

On 10 June 1890 she married at Sikeston James Handy Moore (Charleston, Missouri 3 Sept. 1865-19 Nov. 1906) the son of Judge Joseph C. Moore. James Handy Moore had an impressive appearance, a vigorous and active mind, and dy-

namic energy. He graduated from Vanderbilt University and Vanderbilt Law School and came back to his native city to open a law office. He was president of the Mississippi County Bank, of the Southeast Missouri Telephone Company, and the Charleston Power and Ice Company. In fact, he was a pioneer in the development of telephone and electric service in Southeast Missouri.

Their children were:

Joseph Hunter (1521)

Ben Bird (1522)

Pauline (1523)

Nadine (28 Aug. 1899-... ..) In 1938 she married at Hickman, Kentucky, Hugh Swayne of that city. They still live at Hickman on a high bluff overlooking the Mississippi River and have large landed interests there. They have no children. Both love to travel, especially by air. In 1954 they spent six months on a flight through South America, Africa, and parts of southern Europe and Asia. Mr. Swayne is an amateur painter of considerable ability.

## HUNTER, CLARA CATHERINE

(Sikeston, Missouri 25 Aug. 1869-Union City, Tennessee 16 Nov. 1951) She was the daughter of Ben Franklin and Nancy Emily Bird Hunter.

On 22 February 1893 she was married at



Sikeston by Reverend John M. Matthews to Robert P. Whitesell (Fulton, Kentucky 11 May 1860-Union City, Tennessee 7 Apr. 1937) of Union City, Tennessee. Mr. Whitesell graduated in law from the University of Virginia. He was president of the old National Bank and was a delegate to the Democratic National Convention on two or more occasions. He was a colonel in the staff of his state's governor. He was a large man, tall and big of frame. He loved hunting and when deer were plentiful, he yearly joined a party of hunters in Southeast Missouri.

Clara Whitesell, after the death of her husband, demonstrated an unusual ability in the management of her properties.

Their children were:

Jessie (10 Dec. 1893-... ..) a teacher and unmarried.

Hunter (1532)

Lillian Byrd (Union City, Tennessee 8 Dec. 1898-... ..) resides at Union City; never married.

Catherine (1534)

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HUNTER, STEPHEN BEN

(Sikeston, Missouri 18 Feb. 1871-... ..)  
He is the son of Ben Franklin and Nancy Emily Bird Hunter. Most of the time he has resided in Sikeston and Cape Girardeau.

Stephen was educated in the common schools of the county, the University of the South at Sewanee, Tennessee, Bellevue Collegiate Institute at Caledonia, Missouri, and the Eastman Business College at Poughkeepsie, New York. He was also trained and instructed by his father who was a most competent man and a man of large affairs.

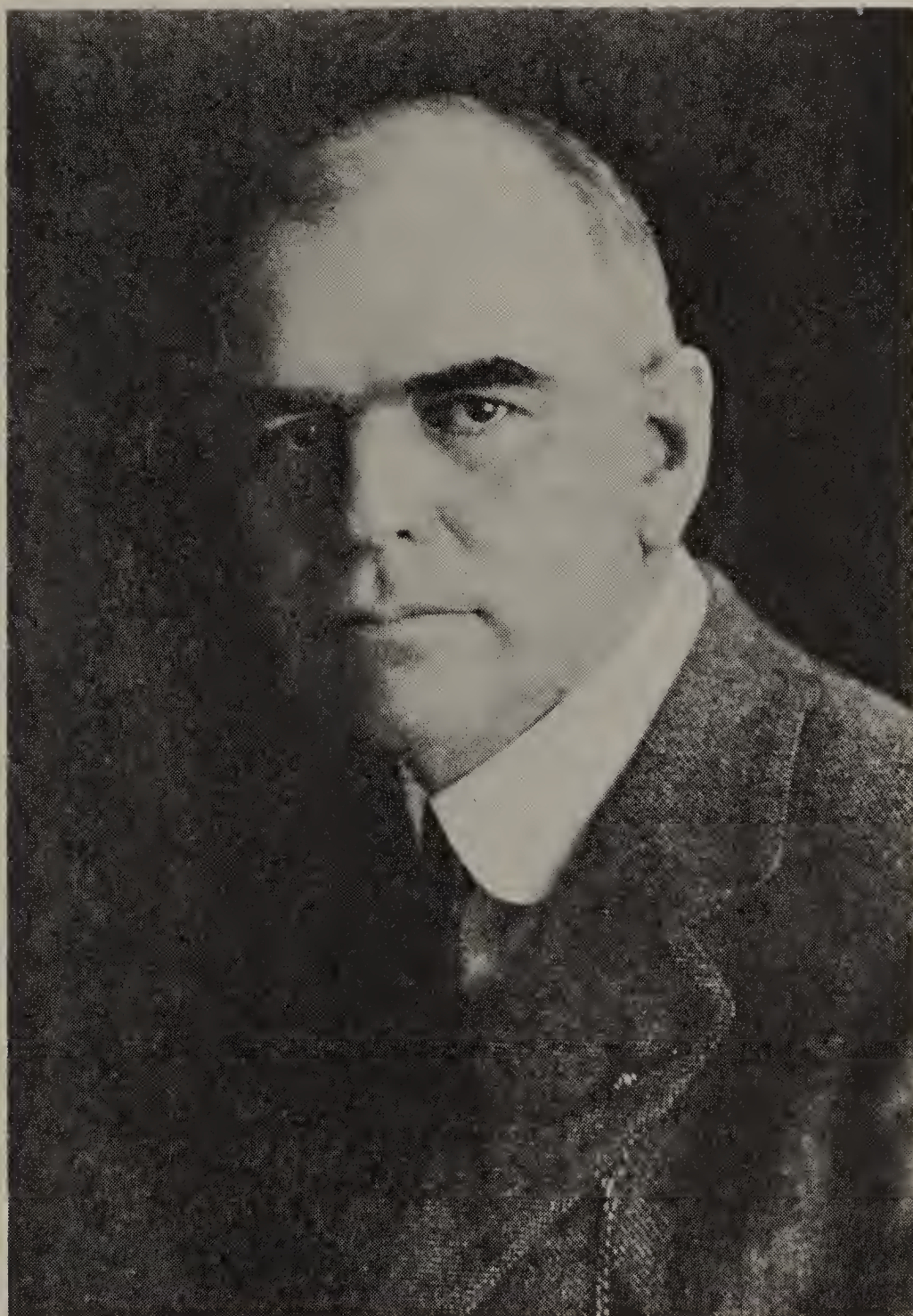
His experiences have been wide and varied and in many different fields. He for years was interested in a number of banks, in flour and corn mills, in sawmills, in developing by clearing and bringing under cultivation several thousand acres of land, and in the drainage and reclamation of swamp and overflowed lands.

He was a Delegate-at-Large to the Constitutional Convention of 1922. He served as Chairman of the Democratic Committee in Cape Girardeau city and county and as chairman of the State Convention held at St. Joseph in 1928. He served as chairman of the Executive Committee of the Missouri Democratic Committee for two terms. He was chairman of the Penal Board of Missouri under Governor Guy Park.

He is a prominent member and supporter of the State Historical Society of Missouri, and became a Trustee in 1925 upon the death of the Honorable Louis Houck. In 1957 he was signally honored thus:

"Motion by Dr. L. E. Meador to Elect These Persons Honorary Members of the Society at the Executive Committee meeting, 10 a. m.,





STEPHEN BEN HUNTER

1871 -



Nov. 1, 1957.

"Frederick A. Culmer . . . Stephen B. Hunter of Cape Girardeau, Missouri, native son of Missouri, farmer, legislator, and contributor to the Society's welfare as trustee for 32 years including the largest single monetary gift of any living person; Allen McReynolds . . . ."

For another honor bestowed on Stephen Ben Hunter by this organization see the citation reproduced as the frontispiece of this book.

On 23 March 1904 Stephen married Mary Medley (q. v.) of Piedmont, Missouri. They frequently employed special instructors. They wished to travel and thought to do so intelligently required some knowledge of the languages used in the countries visited. Their travels in the more than fifty years they have been married have taken them to many countries in all parts of the world. Mrs. Hunter has a marvelous memory and a linguistic turn of mine.

They have no children.

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## HUNTER, LUCY NANCY

(Sikeston, Missouri 29 Mar. 1874-Charleston, Missouri 27 Sept. 1942) She was the daughter of Ben Franklin and Nancy Emily Bird Hunter. Lucy was educated at Bellevue Collegiate Institute at Caledonia, Missouri, and Hardin College, Mexico, Missouri.

On 5 December 1894 she was united in marriage at her home in Sikeston to James Lanier Byrd (1 Aug. 1869-4 May 1940) of Charleston. James Lanier Byrd was educated at Vanderbilt University. He opened a retail lumber yard at Charleston, which under the name of James L. Byrd Lumber Company is now, after more than a half century, being operated by his sons, J. Lanier Byrd and Thomas A. Byrd. James Lanier was one of the most outstanding and best known businessmen of Mississippi County. He and his wife were active members of the Methodist Church. Both are buried at Charleston.

Their children were:

James Lanier Junior (1551)

Thomas Albert (1552)

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## HUNTER, SARAH "SALLIE" INGABO

(Sikeston, Missouri 24 Aug. 1875-Danville, Kentucky 24 May 1943) She was the daughter of Ben Franklin and Nancy Emily Bird Hunter. Her

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death resulted from a stroke suffered 28 April  
1932.

On 26 October 1898 at her home in Sikeston  
she was united in marriage with Edward J. Hay-  
ward (Dycusburg, Tennessee 30 Aug. 1864-Dan-  
ville, Kentucky 18 Nov. 1940) Both are buried at  
Marion, Kentucky.

Their children were:

Edward Joseph (Louisville, Kentucky 8 Nov.  
1899 - Danville, Kentucky 22 Dec. 1953)  
He attended the United States Military  
Academy at West Point and was a very  
competent construction engineer. He  
never married.

Ben Hunter (23 Jan. 1901-26 Apr. 1901)

Stephen Hunter (7 June 1902-... ..)  
who makes his home at Sikeston, Mis-  
souri, and Danville, Kentucky. He never  
married.

Shelby Bird (27 July 1904-24 July 1949) who  
died without issue.

Sallie (16 Apr. 1907-... ..)

Lucy Byrd (1566)

Joseph Hunter (1567)

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STALLCUP, MARY "MOLLIE" HANNAH

(15 Sept. 1851-23 Mar. 1929) She was the daugh-  
ter of James and Catherine Sikes Stallcup. She  
is buried in the Sikeston Mausoleum.



She married 5 March 1868 Louie Klein (... ..  
..... -27 Mar. 1872) who is buried in a private  
cemetery near New Madrid, Missouri.

Their children were:

James Murray (2121)

Louie (13 Sept. 1870-14 Mar. 1898) who  
never married.

Mary Stallcup Klein married twice more; to  
..... Johnson and Hugh Long.

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## STALLCUP, MARK HARDIN

(New Madrid County, Missouri 24 Jan. 1854-  
Sikeston, Missouri 21 Jan. 1912) He was the son  
of James and Catherine Sikes Stallcup. He was  
educated at the Arcadia (Missouri) College. He  
was president of Stallcup and Company, grain  
firm, and of the Citizens Bank of Sikeston.

On 14 March 1876 he married Sue Anna Greg-  
ory (Kentucky 3 July 1858-Sikeston, Missouri 4  
May 1926). Their children were:

James A. (2131)

Lynn Mark (2132)

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## MYERS, JENNIE

(Benton, Missouri 3 Oct. 1840-18 Dec. 1925)  
She was the daughter of Andrew and Catherine  
Stallcup Myers. She married Levi Green (Al-

bion, New York 20 Sept. 1830-Sikeston, Missouri  
27 July 1893) a lawyer.

Their children were:

Katie (Sikeston, Missouri .. . . . - ..  
.....) who married Charles A. Cook  
and had two sons, Ruskin and Levi.

James Myers (.. . . . - .. . . . )  
who married Bettie Calendar; they had  
two daughters, Florence and Mildred.

## SIKES, LAURA WILLIAMS

(13 Mar. 1850-12 Dec. 1940) She was the daughter of William and Lydia Stallcup Sikes. On 18 October 1868 she married Henry Anderson Smith (24 July 1844-2 Nov. 1883). Laura Smith was undoubtedly one of the most active members of the Sikeston Methodist Church, and was always found wherever she thought she could be of help to anyone.

Their children were:

William Strother (2311)

Cora Lee (2312)

Frank Hardin (2313)

Handy Linn (2314)

Annie Laurie (2 Mar. 1876-10 Jan. 1877)

Henry "Harry" Anderson Junior (28 Aug.  
1881-.. June 1935) who married Mabel  
Baker; they had no children. He was in  
the mercantile business at Sikeston.

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SIKES, FRANCIS "FRANK" MARION

(22 Aug. 1851-22 Jan. 1929) He was the son of William and Lydia Stallcup Sikes.

Frank M. Sikes, a successful farmer and businessman of Sikeston, Missouri, was an active member of the Methodist Church at Sikeston. No one in the community was held in higher esteem. Frank had an unusual memory for mules, like some men have for people. He, once acquainted with a mule, would recognize that mule years afterward.

He married Jennie Greer (... 1855-3 Mar. 1944) daughter of Calvin and Fannie Turner Greer. They had three children:

Mollie (25 Feb. 1876-... ..) who married E. Lindsay Brown of Charleston. Their children were: E. Marion who married Kathryn England and had (Continued on page 261)

Alfred C. (29 Oct. 1877-10 Nov. 1950) who (Continued on page 164)

William H. (28 Mar. 1888-... 1952) who married in August 1914 Ida Allen who died in December 1917 during child- (continued on page 129 at bottom)

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SIKES, WILLIAM WASHINGTON JR.

(New Madrid County, Missouri 13 Mar. 1853-New Madrid County, Missouri 9 Jan. 1882) He



was the son of William and Lydia Stallcup Sikes. He married first Effie Smith who died in giving birth to a daughter, Lydia, who also succumbed.

His second marriage on 28 September 1880 was to Bettie McMullin (Scott County, Missouri 19 July 1859-.. ..). They resided in the north part of New Madrid County.

They had two children:

Effie Anna (16 Aug. 1881-30 Dec. 1953) who married on 12 July 1904 John C. Corrigan of Poplar Bluff. They had: John C. Junior (24 Apr. 1905-.. ..) who married Hazel I. Bumgardner but had no children; Elizabeth (12 Oct. 1906-.. ..) who became a Sister of Loretta; Susanna (1 July 1908-.. ..) who married 13 May 1939 Paul J. Cornell and had four children (Paul J. Junior (2 Mar. 1940-.. ..); John C. (11 Sept. 1941-.. ..); Bettie (14 May 1943-.. ..); and Charles D. (1 Jan. 1946-.. ..)); William Sikes (20 July 1910-.. ..) who married 17 August 1938 Margaret M. Barth and had six children (John Charles (23 July 1939-.. ..); Sheila (23 Mar. 1941-.. ..); William Sikes Junior (10 Feb. 1943-.. ..); Joseph Louis (23 Jan. 1946-.. ..); Ann (8 Mar. 1948-.. ..); and Daniel Francis (8 Sept. 1953-.. ..)); Joseph (14 Aug. 1912-30

May 1913); James V. (25 July 1914-... ..) who married 10 April 1944 Eileen Forrest and had five children (Kathleen (30 Mar. 1945-... ..); Timothy Joseph (30 July 1947-... ..); Stephen (21 May 1949-... ..); Maureen (18 June 1950-... ..); and Colleen (13 Aug. 1958-... ..)); Margaret (23 Aug. 1917-... ..) who married 17 January 1941 Gustav Grieder Junior and had children: (Lee Ann (31 Jan. 1947-... ..) and Peggy Lee (12 May 1949-... ..); and Francis Edward (18 May 1920-17 June 1922).

James (8 Nov. 1882-12 Nov. 1882)

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BROWN, MARY CATHERINE "KATE"

(16 Mar. 1860-8 Mar. 1947) She was the daughter of William Reed and Lydia Stallcup Sikes Brown. On 14 October 1879 in New Madrid County she was united in marriage with Benjamin F. Chaney (1 May 1855-12 Dec. 1891) a Sikeston businessman. Ben F. was the son of Levi Dunham Chaney who came from Kentucky to Missouri in 1815.

Levi Chaney (9 Jan. 1811-... .. 1862) married 22 December 1836 Mary Nealy (or Neale) (6 Nov. 1817-... .. 1863) and had the following children:

William C. (27 Oct. 1837-... ..)

Charles (13 Feb. 1840-... ..)  
 John K. (25 Feb. 1842-... ..)  
 George W. (3 Nov. 1845-... ..)  
 Levi (13 Feb. 1847-... ..)  
 Mary E. (20 May 1849-... ..) who  
     married Jasper Trotter.  
 Sarah E. (25 Apr. 1851-... ..) who  
     married W. J. Wilson.  
 Jason (7 May 1853-... ..)  
 Benjamin F. (1 May 1855-12 Dec. 1891)  
 Susan J. (23 Aug. 1857-16 Oct. 1946) who  
     married Dr. .... Kendall.

Levi Senior died while Ben F. was a small boy. Ben was educated at the Bellevue Collegiate Institute at Caledonia, Missouri, and later took a business course at Eastman's College in Poughkeepsie, New York. He was the postmaster at Sikeston for several years.

The children of Ben F. and Mary Catherine Brown Chaney were:

Lydia Stallcup (26 July 1880-14 May 1958)  
 Benjamin F. Junior (6 Mar. 1884-... ..  
     ....) who married 16 September 1915  
     Edith Franklin and lives in Boulder,  
     Colorado.  
 Audrey (19 Dec. 1885-... ..)  
 Laura B. (15 Aug. 1888-died in infancy)

The sisters, Lydia and Audrey, both took active interest in the Daughters of the American Revolution and the various women's clubs.

On 4 September 1895 Mary Catherine married



Price Harris and had two daughters: Margaret (28 Feb. 1897-... ..) who is retired from a teaching position in Dallas, Texas, and now lives in the family home in Sikeston, and Lucille (22 Oct. 1900-27 Dec. 1900).

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HUNTER, JAMES WILLIAM

(30 Apr. 1858-Alexandria, Louisiana 17 June 1945) He was the son of Joseph and Nancy Horrell Hunter. He is buried at Jackson, Missouri. In 1892 he married at Covington, Kentucky, Ada Alsop, a native of Owensboro, Kentucky; they had no issue. J. W. was a prominent man of Jackson, Missouri, and was connected with the Cape County Milling Company for many years.

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HUNTER, LUCY KATHERINE

(Bird's Point, Missouri 10 Oct. 1856-Tampa, Florida 5 Nov. 1929) She was the daughter of Joseph and Nancy H. Hunter.

She married 28 September 1876 Andrew Jackson Bird (Bird 2125212) (Bird's Point, Missouri ... .. - Tampa, Florida 2 Aug. 1928) and had one child, Mary Katherine "Kate" (3121)

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HUNTER, LOUIS FERGUSON

(New Madrid County, Missouri 2 Aug. 1851-9 May 1896) He was the son of Samuel and Mary

Ann Lewis Hunter.

Louis Ferguson was educated at Arcadia College, Arcadia, Missouri. He became a prominent and influential farmer in New Madrid County.

On 22 November 1876 he was united in marriage with Eva Pack (28 Sept. 1856-26 Mar. 1935)

They had the following children:

Shapleigh Richard (4121)

Samuel Latham (4122)

Mary Ann (4123)

John "Johnnie" (15 Aug. 1894-11 Jan. 1936)  
who married Laura Dawson (25 Apr.  
1894 - ... ..) and had one son,  
Paxton.

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HUNTER, ALBERT B.

(New Madrid County, Missouri 8 May 1855-25 Mar. 1930) Albert B. was the son of Samuel and Mary Ann Lewis Hunter. He was a prominent and influential businessman of New-Madrid County, being a large landowner, merchant, and grain dealer.

He married Ella LeSieur Pack (18 Dec. 1857-13 July 1942). They had the following children:

David Riley (27 Mar. 1880-7 Nov. 1918) who was cashier of the Bank of New Madrid at the time of his death. He married Della "Peggy" Bolton and had the following

children: Nadine who married Nellis Chapman of Charleston, Missouri, and had Helen who married Travis Shelby and has four daughters: Debra, Susan, Barbara, and Mary Travis; Martha Ella, now deceased, had married Charles Van Shuddiford; and Elmo (St. Louis, Missouri 23 Oct. 1915-... ..) who was graduated with high honors at the University of Missouri and is now Associate Judge of the Kansas City Court of Appeals. (See Official Manual of the State of Missouri). Elmo was married to Jane Anne Williams (... .. -... .. 1950) of Kansas City in 1941 and had a daughter, Nancy Anne (5 Apr. 1952-... ..). He later married Shirley Marion Arnold of Kansas City.

Henry Clay (12 Apr. 1881-17 Sept. 1948) who in 1898 married Jessie Senicoe (8 July 1877-... ..) and had a daughter, Marie (20 Oct. 1910-... ..) who married Dr. Paul Huth (12 June 1902) and has twin sons: Henry Clay and Carl (28 Dec. 1930-... ..). Carl has a daughter, Carla Marie (21 Aug. 1956-... ..). Henry has two sons: Paul (16 Oct. 1955-... ..) and Henry Clay (25 May 1947-... ..). Henry Clay (Continued on page 130)



and Mary Anna Lewis Hunter. He married 6 May 1884 Libba Broughton (17 Sept. 1860-2 Dec. 1936) and had the following children:

Hal (... .. -... ..) one of New Madrid's prominent businessmen, operating a cotton gin. He married Colleen Jackson and had: Hal Junior, a lawyer of New Madrid who married Mary Crisler and had Hal the Third, Mary Catherine , and Lora; Mary who married Lee R. Green and later Jerome Berryman of Poplar Bluff; and Libba who married Howard Crisler and has Janet, Lee, Howard Junior, Elizabeth, and a son who died at birth.

## HUNTER, NANCY

(... .. 1859-1 Nov. 1917) She was the daughter of Samuel and Mary Anna Lewis Hunter. She married Arthur Broughton (28 Jan. 1858-10 Feb. 1904) and had the following children:

Ethel (22 May 1880 - 21 June 1947) who married Alpheus "Bud" Moore (30 Nov. 1872-... ..) and had a son, A. B. (married Glenda Rhum and has a daughter, Mary Joann); George (married Allie Rhum, no children); Martha (married Albert Ransburgh and has two girls, Ethel and Betty); Hunter (married Pauline Tate; they have eight boys and two

girls); Sterling (first married Lady Smith and second Pearl Lee and has two daughters, Betty Lee and Martha Ann); Paul (married Loretta Alexander and has two sons, Harry and Paul); and Amos (unmarried).

Ed (... ..-21 June 1947) who married Ada Brewer; they have no children.

Hunter (... ..-... ..) who married Peggy Hunter, widow of David, and later Alma Tanner. He has no children.

Jennie (29 Nov. 1884-... ..) who married June St. Mary (2 May 1884-3 Dec. 1945) and had two boys and two girls: Jennie Jane (who married Christy Baumann and has a son and two girls); Nancy (married Lonnie Todd and has two daughters, Elizabeth and Lynn; June Junior (married Ann Craten and had Danny); and Steve (married Allie Wathen and had two sons and two daughters).

Henry (... ..-... ..) who married Jeanette Berryman; they have no children.

Lella (... ..-... ..) who married Eugene Shuster, they have a daughter, Carol Ann.

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PARROTT, ANNA ELIZABETH

(22 Feb. 1856-6 Nov. 1933) She was the daugh-

ter of Major James and Marie "Maria" Hunter Parrott. She is buried at Benton, Missouri.

On 28 January 1875 she was united in marriage to Marshall Arnold (St. Francois County, Missouri 21 Oct. 1845-12 June 1913) of Benton, Missouri. He too is buried at Benton. Mr. Arnold was a very brilliant man and a distinguished lawyer known throughout the state. He was a Democrat, and served in the Missouri General Assembly and the United States House of Representatives.

They had the following children:

Eva Maria (Commerce, Missouri 24 Feb. 1876-Benton, Missouri 26 Apr. 1916) who married Reverend E. E. Burton in Benton on 2 November 1904. Their children were: Arnold (26 Oct. 1905-11 Dec. 1937); Elizabeth Alton (6 July 1909-... ..) now living in Los Angeles; Clarence Edwin (12 Sept. 1911-... ..) who married Dorothy Curran on 11 February 1939 and has one child, Judith (1 May 1942-... ..) who lives in South Pasadena, California.

Stella Blanch (Commerce, Missouri 14 Dec. 1877-24 Sept. 1882).

Surrey Argyle (Commerce, Missouri 24 Mar. 1880-DeWitt, Arkansas 27 Mar. 1945) He married on 27 July 1907 Anna Mary Inman in Pine Bluff, Arkansas. He is buried at DeWitt.

James Marshall (5224)



Robert Lee (20 Sept. 1885-9 June 1900)

Eva Lucile (Benton, Missouri 2 Mar. 1888-  
... ..) who married Albert King  
Kohlmetz; they have no children.

Anna Irene (Benton, Missouri 19 Aug. 1890-  
25 June 1907).

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MOORE, ELIZABETH "LIZZIE"

(Benton, Missouri 30 Nov. 1858-Ashville, North  
Carolina 21 Jan. 1930) She was the daughter of  
Joseph Harvey and Anna Elizabeth Hunter Moore.

She reared her six brothers and sisters after  
her mother died in 1874.

On 25 April 1883 she married Charles T. Ander-  
son (3 Jan. 1859-30 Apr. 1916) farmer and planter  
of Commerce, Missouri.

Their children were:

Leon Dale (29 Dec. 1884-16 Aug. 1885).

James (3 Jan. 1887-30 May 1909).

Albion (18 Oct. 1889-... ..) who 24  
March 1932 married Jessie Hazen; they  
have no children.

Anna T. (4 Aug. 1892 - 19 June 1935). She  
married 14 October 1919 Zeno B. Clardy  
(... .. 1889-... ..). Their chil-  
dren were: Charles (2 Nov. 1924-... ..  
...) and Henry A. (5 Oct. 1927-... ..  
...); both are unmarried.

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MOORE, JOSEPH LEE

(Commerce, Missouri 19 July 1867-Commerce, Missouri 14 Mar. 1952) He was the son of Joseph Harvey and Anna Elizabeth Hunter Moore. He is buried at Commerce.

Joseph Lee Moore was educated at Bellevue Collegiate Institute at Caledonia, Missouri, and at the University of Missouri. He was elected Prosecuting Attorney of Scott County, and appointed by Judge Charles Farris as Judge of the Court of Bankruptcy at Cape Girardeau. He often contributed articles to various local newspapers.

He married 14 November 1894 at Farmington, Missouri, Julia H. Haw (14 Nov. 1870-... ..) daughter of Dr. Uriel Haw of Farmington.

Their children were:

Elinor (10 Sept. 1896-... ..) who married Edward G. Grubb and had a daughter, Patricia, who is married and lives in St. Louis.

Martha E. (1 May 1900 - 12 Jan. 1937) who married Paul A. Reardon of Knoxville, Tennessee, and is survived by Paul A. Junior (25 Dec. 1936-... ..) who is now in the United States Navy.

Joe Haw (28 Aug. 1904-... ..) who married Madlyn Smerliver of St. Louis in 1930. She died 2 January 1957 without issue.

Anna Lee (15 Nov.1908-... ..) who married 2 December 1938 Garland Brickey (2 Oct.1884 - 27 Dec.1946) and had one child, Julia Rose (3 July 1944-... ..). Anna Lee is now a teacher at Farmington, Missouri.

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## HUNTER, WILLIAM JOSEPH

(Benton, Missouri 30 Dec. 1885-Cape Girardeau, Missouri 31 July 1946) He was the son of William and Ella Walker Hunter.

William J. Hunter was educated at the Normal School in Cape Girardeau and at the University of Missouri. As a practicing lawyer he was a safe and conservative legal adviser. Will was a scholar and a man of high ideals.

On 15 January 1911 he married Ida May Wise (29 Dec.1890-... ..) and had children:

Ella Adeline (Hollywood, Missouri 8 Oct. 1913-21 Nov.1913).

Mabel Louise (Benton, Missouri 8 Dec.1914-... ..). She married Abraham Jackson Hunter (Hunter 12102).

Ida May (Benton, Missouri 23 Mar. 1918-... ..). On 25 August 1946 she married Myron Earl "Mike" Crellin (Omaha, Nebraska 23 Apr.1919-... ..) of St. Louis, now of Memphis. They have Will Hunter (22 Apr.1948-... ..); Pat McCall (14 Feb.1952-... ..);



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          and Jim Van Meter (18 Nov. 1958-... ..  
          ...).

Mary Frances (17 June 1926-... ..)  
who married 30 October 1948 Dr. James  
Absolom Kinder (29 Aug. 1917-... ..)  
of Cape Girardeau. They have four chil-  
dren: James Absolom Junior (Cape Gi-  
rardeau 11 Feb. 1951-... ..); Frank  
Millington (Cape Girardeau 13 May 1952-  
... ..); Peter Dickson (Cape Gi-  
rardeau 12 May 1954-... ..); and  
Mark Hunter (Cape Girardeau 9 Apr.  
1957-... ..).

William Joseph Junior (20 Aug. 1920-31 Mar.  
1944) who was killed in an aviation train-  
ing accident at Liberal, Kansas, during  
World War II.

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HOUCK, ERMA

(10 Feb. 1875-26 Aug. 1911) She is the daugh-  
ter of Louis and Mary Hunter Giboney Houck.  
Her tomb is in the Old Lorimier Cemetery at  
Cape Girardeau. She married Charles Guild Juden  
and they made their home at Briarwood, a coun-  
try estate on Bloomfield Road out of Cape Girar-  
deau.

Their children were:

Charles Andrew (20 Dec. 1901-... ..)  
one of the most active and progressive  
businessmen of Cape Girardeau. He

married Cleo Magness of Batesville, Arkansas. Their children were: Charles Andrew Junior (26 Jan. 1934-... ..) who married Jeanette Sue Hosea (9 Dec. 1934-... ..) and had Rebecca Sue (30 Sept. 1955-1 Mar. 1958) and Charles Andrew III (10 Apr. 1957-... ..); Emily Jill (2 Nov. 1937-... ..) who married in August 1957 Robert Ligon; Julia Magness (27 Dec. 1944 -... ..); and a daughter who lived only a short time.

Alexander Giboney (19 Sept. 1903-... ..) who became a doctor and spent several years in military service. He married Lillian Patton and had a son, Alexander Giboney Junior (31 May 1931-... ..) who is married and has children. Alexander Senior later married Marge..... and had three children: Michael Connor (9 Jan. 1943-... ..), Sally Josephine (23 June 1946-... ..), and Terrance Alexander (3 Jan. 1949-... ..). His third marriage 9 March 1954 was to Barbara Underwood (24 Sept. 1925-... ..); they have no children.

Sally (... ..) who married Ronald Reed of St. Joseph, Missouri. They have two sons, Ronald Junior and Louis Juden.

Charles Guild Juden later married Virginia McClure Smith.

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HOUCK, REBECCA RAMSEY

(5 Mar. 1886-8 Aug. 1954) She is buried in Old Lorimier Cemetery in Cape Girardeau.

She married Major Patrick Frissell, who was one of the pioneers in military aviation service. He was killed in an accident caused by fog.

Their only child was Mary Giboney (8 Apr. 1916 - .. .. .) who married Robert Child Evans. They now reside in Eldon, Missouri. Mrs. Evans is active in the Daughters of the American Revolution and in the Episcopal Church.

They have four sons and a daughter: Robert Child Junior, William Giboney, Patrick Frissell, Louis Houck, and Mary Elizabeth.

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married Leah Kendall. Their children: Sue (4 Oct. 1905-10 July 1906); John (1 Feb. 1907 - .. .. .) who married Julia Kingsbury (4 July 1909 - .. .. .) and had Sue (8 Dec. 1933-.. .. .) and Sally (1 Aug. 1943-.. .. .); and Kendall (4 Oct. 1912-.. .. .) who married Marcia Weber (4 Feb. 1914-.. .. .) and had Alfred (16 Dec. 1939-.. .. .) and Stephen (27 Dec. 1946-.. .. .)





## Chapter Five

### LATER GENERATIONS

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CURD, LUTIE PRICE

(14 Oct. 1860-Morley, Missouri 21 Oct. 1953)  
She was the daughter of Benjamin S. and Catherine Hunter Price Curd. Lutie was an accomplished musician, quite talented otherwise; and active in the Baptist Church at Morley. All in all she was a very charming and refined lady with many friends and admirers.

In 1880 she was united in marriage with Charles Edward Leslie (4 Mar. 1842-Morley, Missouri 7 Aug. 1911) a native of New Brunswick, Canada.

Their children were:

LeRoy (11111)

Robert Harrison (8 July 1888-Fredericktown, Missouri 17 Mar. 1887) of Fredericktown. For many years he was in the employ of the Missouri Pacific Railroad Company. On 18 January 1908 he married Opal Luckey (5 Apr. 1887-... ..) and had: Carl "Charles" Price (22

Aug. 1909-... ..) who was married on 2 May 1933 to Ruth Lowry; Robert Harrison Junior (15 July 1912-17 Mar. 1955) who married 11 November 1939 Mary Lee Harris; Marjorie Ann (31 July 1916-... ..). She married 18 Oct. 1942 Robert M. Deneke.

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PIERCE, THOMAS MURRAY

(13 July 1877-31 Mar. 1954) He was the son of Rice A. and Mary "Mollie" Hunter Pierce. He was married 3 June 1899 to Mary Ewing Beard (... .. 1877-... ..) at Lebanon, Tennessee. They settled in St. Louis where Mr. Pierce was a very able corporation lawyer.

They had the following children:

Thomas Murray Junior (5 May 1900-25 June 1950).

Julius (20 Dec. 1902-... ..) who married Jane Parsons.

Dickson W. (12 Nov. 1911-... ..) who married first Rebecca West and later Florence Haston.

Roberta (2 Oct. 1915-... ..) who married Milton C. Mendel (19 July 1911-... ..).

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M<sup>C</sup> PHEETERS, SHERMA ELINOR

(Benton, Missouri 11 Oct. 1884-... ..)

The daughter of James and Johanna "Annie" Hunter McPheeters. Sherma is active in women's organizations. She is very capable and is a good presiding officer at a meeting. She is very attractive and has a pleasing personality.

She married 2 August 1902 William Ernest "Ernie" Walker (Texas 21 Aug. 1882-... ..) insurance man of Cape Girardeau. They had the following children.

Anna Louise (14 May 1907-... ..) who married in September 1925 Dr. Joseph P. Russell (4 Feb. 1906-... ..) a colonel in the military forces. They have three children: Robert Giles (7 Dec. 1929-... ..); Joseph P. Junior (6 Dec. 1932-... ..) and Sherry Louise (29 Jan. 1947-... ..)

William Ernest "Ernie" Junior (14 July 1912-... ..) who is a businessman of Cape Girardeau. He married 7 August 1955 Evelyn Green (24 Aug. 1930-... ..) and they have a son, William Ernest III (18 Mar. 1957-... ..).

James Chester (23 July 1917-18 Feb. 1930) who was accidentally killed by a taxicab.

12102

HUNTER, ABRAHAM JACKSON

(24 Jan. 1908-... ..) He is the son of John Jackson and Nannie McMullin Hunter. A. Jackson is a graduate of the Southeast Missouri



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State College. He taught school and served as manager of the airfields at Cape Girardeau and Walnut Ridge, Arkansas. He and his family live on the plantation in Scott County, Missouri, that belonged to his father, grandfather and great grandfather, where he practices diversified farming in crops and livestock. He is held in high esteem by all who know him.

On 24 March 1934 he married his cousin, Mabel Louise Hunter (Hunter 635) and they have the following children:

Sallie McCall (16 Aug. 1935-... ..)  
 who married Richard Williams; they  
 have a daughter, Ann Valerie (10 Nov.  
 1958-... ..).

Abraham Jackson Junior (15 Aug. 1938-...  
 ....).

Judith Ann (11 Nov. 1939-... ..).

William Joseph (13 Nov. 1943-... ..)

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HUNTER, CHARLES

(24 Oct. 1912-... ..) He is the son of John Jackson and Nannie McMullin Hunter. On 18 June 1945 he married Virginia Ann Ricker (... ..-... ..). Charles was educated at the Southeast Missouri State College and the University of Missouri. He is now a professor at Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois.

They have four children:

CHARLES HUNTER	12103	169
Stephen Charles (25 Mar.1946-... ..)		
Andrew David (6 May 1950-... ..).		
Timothy Allan (17 Jan.1952-... ..).		
Julie Anne (29 Aug.1955-... ..).		

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ALLEN, JOSEPH HUNTER

(24 Mar.1899-2 Feb.1956) He was the son of Judge Tom B. and Emma Hunter Allen. He was educated at the University of Missouri and the Law School of the University of Michigan. He is a great reader and quite learned, a lawyer by profession. He was Assistant Prosecuting Attorney at St. Joseph, Missouri. He was once a candidate for the United States House of Representatives, and lost by a very narrow margin. He served in both World War I and II. He is now Judge of the Thirty-eighth Missouri Judicial Circuit serving New Madrid and Pemiscot counties.

He married Sarah Irene Wilson (23 Feb.1898-... ..) and had a son, Joseph Junior (29 June 1925-... ..) a physician and specialist in radiology at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee. Joseph Junior married Bettye Louise Johnson of Jamestown, Tennessee. On 18 July 1948 he married Dora Lee Richards, a widow with one son, Gus. They now have a son, Joseph III (1 Jan.1958-... ..).

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ALLEN, THOMAS BUFORD, JUNIOR

(8 Mar.1901-... ..) The son of Judge Tom B. and Emma Hunter Allen of St. Joseph, Missouri. Tom B. Junior is a businessman of Sikeston, having a cotton gin and other interests, and owns large acreages in the adjoining area.

He married Juanita Woods (17 Oct.1901 - 30 Nov.1950). They had:

Mary Emma (30 July 1924 -... ..) a noted harpist who studied with Salzedo and toured for several seasons with his ensemble as second harpist. She has tested and demonstrated instruments for Lyon and Healy, manufacturers. In recent months she has made recordings for Decca. On 6 May 1948 she married Kenneth Holmes Smitten Junior (6 Jan. 1931-... ..). They have two children: Linda Hunter (14 Nov.1950-... ..) and Thomas Allen Patrick (17 Mar. 1953-... ..).

Thomas Buford Junior later married a younger sister of his first wife, Mrs. Margaret Woods Perry; they have no children.

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MEDLEY, HATTIE ANN

(17 May 1872-14 Sept.1951) She was the daughter of Lyman Forsyth (Medley 111) and Amanda Hunter Beckwith Medley. On 7 December 1891



she married Edward Charles Baird (4 Oct. 1869-15 Sept. 1928). Both are buried in the Masonic Cemetery at Arcadia, Missouri.

Their children were:

Beckwith (See Medley 11111)

Jack (Arcadia, Missouri 28 Apr. 1898-Tulsa, Oklahoma 20 July 1950) married 7 May(?) 1918 at Doniphan Mattie Davis; they have no children.

Natalie (14113)

Jerry Hunter (26 Feb. 1903-... ..) who married 14 January 1933 Ethel Sylvia Jennings (20 Jan. 1912-... ..) and had: Patricia (31 Jan. 1934-... ..); Natalie (2 July 1935-... ..) and Jerry Hunter Junior (8 May 1938-... ..).

Catherine (Arcadia, Missouri 27 June 1907-... ..) who married William A. Mouser, native of Nebraska, and had two children, Judith and Alyn.

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MOORE, JOSEPH HUNTER

(14 Aug. 1891-... ..) The son of James Handy (1865-1906) and Mary Bird Hunter Moore, grandson of Judge Joseph Chalfant Moore, and great grandson of James Lorenza Moore (1805-1883) who came to Missouri from Maryland in 1830.

Joseph Hunter Moore graduated from the University of Missouri and became an outstanding

citizen of Mississippi County. He has served in the state legislature, on various levee and drainage boards, being unusually well informed on land and reclamation matters; and is a large landowner in his own right. He is a member of the Federal Reserve Board of St. Louis and a Trustee of the Historical Society of Missouri. He is a veteran of World War I.

On 14 April 1931 he married Carrie McFadden (2 Jan. 1894-... ..); they live at Charleston and have two sons:

James Handy (15 Feb. 1932-... ..) who was educated at Culver Military Academy, Culver, Indiana, and the University of Missouri. He married 19 December 1953 Dorothy "Dottie" Matthews of Sikeston and they have a son, Joseph Hunter (12 Nov. 1954-... ..) and a daughter, Carolyn. James Handy served as a United States Army officer in Japan. He now operates a farm near Charleston, Missouri.

William Bird (23 July 1933-... ..) was educated at Culver Military Academy and at the University of Missouri. He also served in the United States Army. On 12 November 1958 he married Barbara Boyce of Sikeston.

1522

MOORE, BEN BIRD

(23 Nov. 1893-... ..) The second son of James Handy and Mary Bird Hunter Moore. Ben Bird was educated in the Public Schools of Charleston, Missouri, and at the University of Missouri. He served in World War I, but did not see foreign duty.

On 29 December 1920 he married Faye Smith (22 Aug. 1898-... ..); they have the following children:

Ben Bird Junior (19 Oct 1921-... ..) who served in Germany during World War II. He is now farming in Mississippi County, Missouri. He married Margaret Gray Anthony of Sikeston, Missouri.

Dorothy Fayette (15122)

Joseph Handy (7 Apr. 1929-... ..) who is unmarried and lives at the parental home.

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MOORE, PAULINE

(Charleston, Missouri 23 Mar. 1895-... ..) She is the daughter of James Handy and Mary Bird Hunter Moore. Pauline is a graduate of Christian College, Columbia, Missouri, and is a person of charm and grace who pleases everyone.

In 1928 she married Harry Gregory Austin of



New York City. Mr. Austin was for years in the marine insurance business there. They now live in St. Louis where he gives much attention to his extensive agricultural interests in Southeast Missouri.

Their children are:

Mary Moore (11 Mar. 1929-.. . . . .) who married in 1952 Hugh Rose of Peoria, Illinois; they have one child, Susan Kathlyn (22 May 1955-.. . . . .).

Pauline (14 Aug. 1931-.. . . . .) who married in 1954 Professor Joe Adams of Crockett, Texas.

Harry Gregory Junior (18 Mar. 1936-.. . . . .) who is now a student at the Law School at Michigan University, having previously been graduated from Yale University.

## WHITESELL, HUNTER

(Union City, Tennessee 5 Jan. 1896-.. . . . .) The son of Robert P. and Clara Catherine Hunter Whitesell. Hunter was injured during World War I while training for service in the air. His home is a farm near Fulton, Kentucky, but he and his three sisters own a large farm in Southeast Missouri.

In June 1925 he married Bell Daugherty of Liberty, Missouri. They have three children:

Robert Daugherty (24 June 1926 - .. .. .  
.....) a graduate of the United States  
Naval Academy at Annapolis. He served  
in the Korean War as a captain in the  
Marine Corps. He is married and has  
two children.

Hunter Bird (.. .. .-.. .. .  
.....) attended the University of Kentucky Law  
School. He also served in the Korean  
War and attained the rank of lieutenant .  
On 16 August 1957 he married Eugenie  
Baird of Bowling Green, Kentucky; they  
have one son.

Betsy (.. .. .-.. .. .  
.....) is un-  
married and a teacher.

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#### WHITESELL, CATHERINE

(Union City, Tennessee 26 Jan. 1904-.. .. .  
.....) The daughter of Robert P. and Clara Cath-  
erine Hunter Whitesell. She married Charles  
Reynolds, a businessman of Union City, Tennes-  
see. They have the following children:

"Sonny" who died in an accident when only  
a boy.

Charles Richard "Dicky" who attended Mis-  
sissippi University and is now associated  
with his father in business.

Charlotte and Catherine, twins.

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BYRD, THOMAS ALBERT

(Charleston, Missouri 16 Dec. 1899-... ..  
.....) The son of James Lanier and Lucy Nancy  
Hunter Byrd. Thomas A. was educated at Western  
Military Academy, Alton, Illinois. He is a suc-  
cessful farmer and landowner in Mississippi and  
Scott counties and holds an interest in the James  
L. Byrd Lumber Company.

On 2 June 1930 he married Helen Swayne (9  
Sept. 1907-... ..) of Hickman, Kentucky.  
She is an active Episcopalian. They have two  
children:

Thomas Swayne (14 Dec. 1933-... ..  
.....) who is a student at Washington Univer-  
sity, St. Louis, and is unmarried.

Hugh Hunter (26 May 1938-... ..  
.....) He secured his education at The Webb  
School, Bell Buckle, Tennessee, and is  
now a college student.

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HAYWARD, LUCY BYRD

(Marion, Kentucky 27 Feb. 1908-... ..  
.....) She is the daughter of Edward J. and Sarah "Sal-  
lie" Ingabo Hunter Hayward. On 4 November 1933  
she married at Danville, Kentucky, Albert Jackson  
Meade. They reside at Danville. Mr. Meade op-  
erates a hardware store in Harrodsburgh, Ken-  
tucky.



They had the following children:

Sallie Hunter (Ashland, Kentucky 26 Aug. 1935-... ..). She married 26 Aug. 1955 James Lee Howard and has at this time one child.

Lucy Hayward (Ashland, Kentucky 7 Feb. 1938-... ..) On 29 November 1958 she married James Howe III.

Albert Jackson Junior (Jackson, Tennessee 28 Sept. 1944-Danville, Kentucky 28 Aug. 1948 by drowning)

John Stephen (Danville, Kentucky 22 May 1949-... ..).

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HAYWARD, JOSEPH HUNTER

(Marion, Kentucky 1 Nov. 1910-... ..)  
The son of Edward J. and Sarah "Sallie" Ingabo Hunter Hayward. He was educated at Danville, Kentucky, and Moore Brothers Business College at Chillecothe, Missouri.

On 25 June 1940 he married at Louisville, Kentucky, Rosemary Barber (Ogden, Utah ... .. -... ..). They live at Sikeston on a farm that belonged to his mother.

Their children are:

Edward Joseph (4 Dec. 1943-... ..)  
Arthur D. 919 Mar. 1945-... ..) who  
is studying to be a violinist.

Stephen Hunter (11 Mar. 1949-... ..)  
William Hamilton (12 Dec. 1950-... ..)

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KLEIN, JAMES MURRAY

(13 Dec. 1868-Sikeston, Missouri 16 May 1949)  
He was the son of Louie and Mary "Mollie" Stallcup Klein. James Murray was a prominent citizen of New Madrid County and owned large acreages of land. Quite often their steers topped the market at Memphis and National Stock Yards, Illinois. Their reputation was such that buyers often came to the farm to get first opportunity to bid on their stock. Undoubtedly Murray and his son were among the most outstanding and successful cattle feeders in the Sikeston area.

On 22 March 1893 he married Margaret McMullin (12 Dec. 1868-14 Apr. 1956). They made their home at Sikeston and both are buried in the Mausoleum in that city.

Their children were:

Murray G. (21211)

Camille (10 Dec. 1899-... ..) who  
never married.

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STALLCUP, JAMES ALFRED

(12 Dec. 1877-Hot Springs, Arkansas 12 Dec. 1940) He was the son of Mark Hardin and Sue Gregory Stallcup. He married Dorothy Waters of Hot Springs, Arkansas. One daughter, Dorothy, survives. She married Edmund Thrash and has two children who are now married.

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STALLCUP, LYNN MARK

(Sikeston, Missouri 11 Jan. 1885-Sikeston, Missouri . . . . . 1938) He was the son of Mark Hardin Stallcup. He married Frances Lawrence and had two children:

Elizabeth who married Carl Setz and had two daughters, Sue and Carla. She later married Thomas C. Hennings, United States Senator from Missouri.

Lynette who married Cyrus Victor Anderson Junior and has three children: Vicki Lynn, Elizabeth Clay, and Victor III.

2311

SMITH, WILLIAM STROTHER

(24 July 1869-.. . . .) who married 20 November 1902 Minnie Sayers and had:

Mary Williams (15 Mar. 1907-.. . . .) who married Charles Berthe and had: Charles Junior (5 May 1931-.. . . .) Joe Lucius (3 Oct. 1937-.. . . .) and two others.

William Strother Junior (25 July 1908-.. . . .) who married Edith Broughton and has nine children.

Henry Hardin (12 July 1911-.. . . .) Ella Helen (12 July 1911-.. . . .) who married Dan Beatty; they have four children.

Laura Josephine (27 Oct. 1916-.. . . .)



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who married Walter Ancell and later T. C. Pinkly; no children.

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SMITH, CORA LEE

(18 Mar. 1871-31 May 1952) She was the daughter of Henry and Laura Sikes Smith. She married 26 September 1894 Edmund P. Crowe, a Methodist minister and later publisher of THE DEXTER STATESMAN.

They had two sons:

Henry Dye (23 July 1895-... 1952) who married Hazel Schele and had Thomas Hunter (13 July 1935-... ) and Mary Linn (8 Jan. 1940-... ).

Hardin Moore (11 Apr. 1898-... ) who 29 January 1926 married Daisy Miller (25 Mar. 1904-... ) and had Gale Lee (23 Dec. 1926-... ) who married Jerry Neil Dutton (23 Feb. 1926-... ) a jet pilot and now a flying demonstrator for Cessna Aircraft. They have two children: Katherine Dale (20 Apr. 1954-... ) and David Hardin (11 May 1956-... )

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SMITH, FRANK HARDIN

(16 Jan. 1874-... ) The son of Henry and Laura Sikes Smith. For many years he was Police Judge at Sikeston.

On 20 November 1895 he married Alice Ward

Barnes. Their children were:

Laura Annette (27 Jan. 1907-... .. )  
 who married Charles French and had  
 two children: Charles Hardin (15 Jan.  
 1929-... ..) and Linda Annette (...  
 .... 1939-... ..).

Frank Hardin Junior (31 Aug. 1913-... ..  
 ....) who is unmarried.

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SMITH, HANDY LINN

(13 Mar. 1878-... ..) The son of Henry  
 and Laura Sikes Smith. He became a doctor and  
 married Lillian Applegate. They had two sons:

Handy Linn Junior (17 Sept. 1906-... ..  
 ....) who married Irene Richey and had  
 three children: Richard Linn (13 Aug .  
 1950-... ..); Thomas Handy (15  
 June 1953-... ..); and Stephen  
 Richey (6 Sept. 1956-... ..).

Richard Gadis (3 Sept. 1908-died young).

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BIRD, MARY KATHERINE "KATE"

(7 Nov. 1877-5 Mar. 1942) She was the daugh-  
 ter of Andrew Jackson and Lucy Katherine Bird.  
 On 6 October 1908 she married Albert Lawrence  
 Allen (26 Apr. 1862-5 Feb. 1929) a merchant of  
 Tampa, Florida. To this union were born the fol-  
 lowing children all living in Tampa, being the  
 only living descendants of James Hunter (3)

John Trice (4 July 1909-... ..) who married Brenda Evelyn ..... (12 Feb. 1923-... ..). They have four children: John Michael (31 Jan. 1946-... ..), LaWanda Evelyn (15 Sept. 1947-... ..), Peter Lawrence (1 Nov. 1949-... ..), Steven Leslie (19 Dec. 1950-... ..).

Albert L. (17 Sept. 1911-... ..) married Reba Louise ..... (9 Dec. 1908-... ..). They have no issue.

Mary Catherine (2 Oct. 1913-... ..) married Ernest E. Smith (26 Sept. 1917-... ..). They had the following children: Sydnia Kathy (16 May 1945-... ..), Mary Rebecca (7 Apr. 1947-8 Apr. 1947) and Joseph Shannon (2 Aug. 1951-29 Aug. 1951).

Andrew Bird (30 June 1918-... ..) married Mabel Olene ..... (13 Feb. 1922-... ..). They have the following children: Patricia Ann (14 Feb. 1945-... ..), Andrew Bird Junior (5 Aug. 1946-... ..) and Kenneth Raymond (11 May 1949-... ..).

## HUNTER, SHAPLEIGH RICHARD

(20 May 1879-... ..) The son of Louis Ferguson and Eva Pack Hunter. On 10 September 1879 he married Agnes Diggs of New Madrid. Their children were:



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Tom Furg (... ..-... ..) who married Mae Sullivan; they have Tom Ferg, Mary, Shap, Agnes, and Evelyn. Lloyd "Babe" (... ..-... ..) who married Camille Adkins; secondly Virginia Lee; and later Lois Crouthers; no children.

Margaret (... ..-... ..) who married Dee Rolwing; they have two sons Shapleigh (... ..-... ..) who married Evelyn Callahan; they have no children.

Agnes (... ..-... ..) who married Edwin McCain; they have four sons and two daughters.

Laura Lee (... ..-... ..) who married Lynn Jonakin; they have four girls and one boy.

Rosemary (... ..-... ..) who married Charles Lalor; they have two sons and three daughters.

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HUNTER, SAMUEL LATHAM

(4 Oct. 1880-... ..) The son of Louis Ferguson and Eva Pack Hunter. Samuel Latham Hunter was formerly president and is now board chairman of the Bank of New Madrid. He served as mayor of New Madrid for several terms and was a colonel on the staff of the Governor of Missouri. He is a member of the Joint Committee planning a bridge across the Mississippi River at Caruthersville.

He married Laura Pinnell (28 Feb. 1883-...  
 ....) and had the following children:

Evelyn H. (... ..-... ..) who  
 married Vincent Rost, a merchant of  
 New Madrid. They have three sons and  
 one daughter: Vincent, Peter, Lawrence,  
 and Joan who became a nun.

Harriett L. (... ..-... ..) who  
 is unmarried and resides at home.

William Pinnell (... ..-... ..) who  
 married Frances Magill (30 Mar. 1913-... ..) daughter of Dr. A. C. and Ethel Magill of Cape Girardeau. William Pinnell is a farmer, stock raiser and gin operator and a man interested in public and civic affairs. They have four children: William Pinnell Junior, Dale, Samuel, and Stephen Hunter.

Ferguson Samuel (... ..-... ..) who  
 married Olive Howard; they have four sons and five daughters. He is a prominent businessman, farmer, and stockman of New Madrid.

Ruth (... ..-... ..) who married Fred Eng; they have four boys and one girl.

Samuel Latham Junior (... ..-... ..) who married Ethel P. "Patti" Powell; they have six daughters and two sons living.

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HUNTER, MARY ANN

(New Madrid, Missouri 7 Mar. 1881-... ..  
.....) On 3 February 1909 she was united in marriage in Immaculate Conception Church of New Madrid, Father Taylor officiating, to Joseph Schmuke (16 Mar. 1870-... ..).

Their children were:

Catherine Eva (Jackson, Missouri 19 Nov. 1909-... ..) who married 10 December 1932 Wiley Hinkle Statler of Oak Ridge, Missouri, in Jackson; Father John Bauer officiating. They reside in Cape Girardeau and have four children: Nancy (... Mar. 1936-... ..); Martha (... .. 1941-... ..); Catherine (... .. 1948-... ..); and Jean (... .. 1951-... ..).

Mary Hunter (6 June 1911-... ..) who is a teacher at Jackson and unmarried.

Laura Agatha (Jackson, Missouri 1 Sept. 1912-... ..) who first married on 20 October 1930 W. Henry Birk in St. Louis with Reverend John Bauer officiating. They have two sons: Joe Schmuke and Henry. She later married Wilson Lewis.

Martha Louise (Jackson, Missouri 1 Sept. 1914-17 Oct. 1950) married on 2 Sep-



tember 1944 to Charles Henry Penzel, of Jackson, Father Felix Sommerhouser officiating at the Catholic Rectory.

Agnes (Jackson, Missouri 29 Dec. 1917-... ..) who married Thomas K. O' Laughlin of Jackson at the Immaculate Conception Church, Father John Bauer officiating. Their children are: Tom; Mike, Tim, Pat, Martha, and Mary.

Elizabeth (Jackson, Missouri 8 Oct. 1922-... ..) who married at Jackson, Dr. Loy Rush Seabaugh of Cape Girardeau, Father Sommerhouser officiating. They have: Susan Frances (26 Mar. 1946-... ..); Stephen Thomas (8 July 1947-... ..); Sally Elizabeth (4 Dec. 1950-... ..); and Sarah Jane (26 June 1955-... ..).

Jo Ann (Jackson, Missouri 29 July 1924-... who married on 17 October 1946 Richard E. Will in Atlanta, Georgia. They now live in Kirkwood, Missouri, and have two daughters.

A son, deceased.

(Benton, Missouri 1 Oct. 1883-... ..)  
The son of Marshall and Anna Elizabeth Parrott Arnold. James M. became a lawyer and served as the Clerk of the Federal Court in Cape Girardeau.

On 30 July 1929 he married in St. Louis Jeanette Adams (3 July 1894-... ..). They had the following children:

Marshall (7 Sept. 1920 - ... ..) who married Doris Claire McKee on 7 July 1945 and has two children: Marshall McKee (28 Aug. 1947-... ..) and Martha Claire (10 Apr. 1952-... ..).

Thomas Lee (10 Apr. 1922-... ..) a lawyer who married Betty Jane Ramey on 6 June 1947. They have two children: Thomas Lee Junior (4 Feb. 1951-... ..) and Janis Scott (5 June 1952-... ..).

Jack Russell (10 Oct. 1932-10 Mar. 1957) who married Janice Turk of Montgomery, Alabama, on 31 August 1954. They have one child, Jack Russell Junior (20 Dec. 1954-... ..).

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LESLIE, LEROY

(3 May 1883-... ..) The son of Charles Edward and Lutie Price Curd Leslie, and cashier the Bank of Sikeston, having worked previously at the Federal Insurance Bank in Washington, D. C.

On 15 June 1903 he married Julia Allen "Janie" Watkins (23 Sept. 1881-22 Feb. 1925). Their children were:

Allen (30 Nov. 1904-8 June 1907).

Madeline (7 Mar. 1907-9 Sept. 1908).

Philip Lloyd (11 Mar. 1909-... ..)  
a commentator in Hollywood, California.  
He married 5 May 1930 Helen Meleny  
and had Ann Patricia (9 Aug. 1931-...  
.....); Jane (19 June 1933-... ..  
.....); Philip (3-July 1934-... ..);  
and Susan (... ..-... ..).

Joseph Allen (27 July 1911-... ..)  
insurance agent in Sikeston. He married  
Elizabeth Emory. They have two chil-  
dren: Richard Emory (1 Nov. 1939-...  
.....) and Joseph Allen Junior (19  
Oct. 1944-... ..).

Richard Cabell (29 Mar. 1913-... ..)  
who married 25 November 1942 Carmen  
Weatherall; they had: Carmen Cecile (9  
Mar. 1944-... ..); Joseph Leroy  
23 Feb. 1949-... ..); and Thomas  
Richard (7 Feb. 1951-... ..).

Nancy (29 Dec. 1914-... ..) who lives  
in California.

Jane (7 Dec. 1916-17 July 1917).

## BAIRD, NATALIE

(5 Feb. 1900-... ..) Daughter of Ed-  
ward Charles and Hattie Ann Medley Baird. She  
married 7 June 1924 George J. Sick (22 Jan. 1901-  
... ..) of St. Louis. Their children are:

George Baird (7 Dec. 1925-... ..)  
who married Carol Singleton (26 June



1928-... ..) and has two children:  
Robin Medley (17 Aug. 1950-... ..)  
and Dayne Chandler (13 May 1953-... ..  
... ..).

Jerry William (18 June 1928-... ..)  
who 14 June 1952 married Betty Ann  
McAllister (14 May 1931-... ..)  
and has one child, Mary Barbara (24  
Sept. 1954-... ..).

Barbara June (7 Apr. 1930-... ..)  
who 29 July 1950 married William Rich-  
ard Jeude and has three children: Steven  
William (21 Aug. 1951-... ..);  
Larry George (2 Aug. 1954-... ..);  
and Linda Sue (21 Mar. 1958-... ..).

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MOORE, DOROTHY FAYETTE

(24 Feb. 1924-... ..) The daughter of  
Ben Bird and Faye Smith Moore. She married 17  
September 1947 Edward E. Ely of Washington, D.  
C. Their children are:

Hunter Joseph (26 June 1948-... ..)  
Kathleen Julia (8 Aug. 1949-... ..)  
Jennifer Faye (23 Nov. 1951-... ..)  
Susan Moore (15 Sept. 1955-... ..)

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KLEIN, MURRAY GENE

(16 Feb. 1895-... ..) The son of James Murray and Margaret McMullin Klein. Murray has very successfully continued the livestock feeding business of his father. He is a very progressive farmer. They reside at Sikeston.

On 7 November 1917 he married Hettie Mayfield (25 Sept. 1895 -... ..). Their children are:

Jean Murray (14 Oct. 1922-... ..)

He married on 10 June 1947 Maureen Blanton (15 Aug. 1923-... ..).

They had the following children: James M. (26 July 1950-... ..); Stephen Blanton (4 Mar. 1952-... ..); Christine Margaret (16 July 1952-... ..); and Maureen Esther (27 Jan. 1956-... ..).

Evelyn (14 Apr. 1925-... ..) who on 13 October 1945 married Edward Milton Harris (30 June 1919-... ..). They have two children: Edward Milton III (6 Oct. 1952-... ..) and Gene (... ..).

## Chapter Six

### BECKWITH FAMILY IN BRITAIN

MALEBISSE, SIR HUGH DE: That he held lands and served with William the Conqueror, and was probably born in Normandy, as were most of the followers of the Conqueror, is all that is now known of this valiant old knight.

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MALEBISSE, HUGO DE: Son of Sir Hugh, was living in 1138. His will was proved in the third year of the reign of King Stephen.

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MALEBISSE, SIR SIMON DE: Son of Sir Hugo; Lord of Cowton in Craven. He married the daughter of John, Lord of Methley. He was the fourth son of Sir Hugo de Malebisse.

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MALEBISSE, SIR HERCULES DE: Son of Sir Simon, Lord of Cowton in Craven, inherited from his great grandfather, Sir Hugh the Norman, Lord of Clint, and by his marriage with Lady



Beckwith Bruce, Lord of Ugleybarby and of the Manors of Beckwith and Beckwithshaw. By his marriage in 1226 to Lady Dame Beckwith Bruce, daughter of Sir William Bruce, Lord of Ugleybarby, which Lordship and other lands he had inherited from his ancestor, Sir Robert Bruce of Skelton Castle, the progenitor of the Royal Bruces of Scotland.

It is from this marriage that the name derived. Lady Beckwith Bruce possessed by inheritance an estate or manor of land called "Beckwith" in the old Anglo-Saxon "Beckworth". Beck means brook, and worth an estate. With a view, no doubt, to the perpetuation of the name she required her husband, by a marriage contract dated 1226, to assume the name Beckwith.

A document deriving from this marriage contract reads as follows:

"Be it known to all Nobles, where this present writing shall come, be seen, or heard; whereas Hamon Beckwith, son and heir of Nicholas Beckwith, was named by the Earl Marshall of England, by a process that was dated from the aforesaid Marshall's manor of Reayssing Castle, in the County of Norfolk, Jany. 18th, in the tenth year of our Sovereign Lord, the King, in the year of our Lord, 1339. That the said Hamon Beckwith, should usurp and take unto him a coat of arms, which was appertaining unto John Lord de Malebisse, for which better use by virtue of this process, we charge you, that you will ap-

# BECKWITH FAMILY IN BRITAIN

Sir Hugh de Malebisse  
Hugo de Malebisse, fl. 1138 (1)  
Sir Somon de Malebisse (14)  
m. dau. of John Lord of Methley  
Sir Hercules Malebisse (BECKWITH) (141)  
m. Lady Beckwith Bruce, dau. of W. Bruce  
Sir Hercules de Beckwith de Clint (1411)  
m. dau. of Sir John Ferrarr  
Nicholas Beckwith de Clint (14111)  
m. dau. of Sir John Chaworth  
Sir Hamon Beckwith (14111) 3 brothers, 4 sisters  
William Beckwith (141111) 2 brothers, 4 sisters  
m. dau. Sir Girard Urfleet  
Thomas Beckwith (1411111)  
m. dau. of John Sawley  
Adam Beckwith (14111111)  
m. Elizabeth de Malebisse  
Sir William Beckwith (141111111)  
m. dau. of Sir John Baskerville  
Thomas Beckwith (1411111111)  
m. dau. of William Haslerton  
John (141111111113)                      Thomas      Adam  
m. dau. of Thomas Radcliff  
Robert Beckwith (1411111111131)  
Robert Beckwith (14111111111311)  
m. Jennett . . . . .  
Robert      Marmaduke (141111111113112)  
m. Anne, dau. of Dynley  
m. later Ellen, widow of Wm. Style  
2 brothers      Roger (1411111111131123)      8 sisters  
Arthur Beckwith (14111111111311231)  
m. Mary, dau. of Marmaduke Wyville  
Roger (141111111113112311)      Marmaduke 3 sisters  
2nd m. Elizabeth, dau. of Edward Jennings  
1 brother      Sir Marmaduke (1411111111131123112)  
(Who is the Founder of the American Line)

pear at the new Mansion House of Saymore, before us and bring with you all such evidence and records of arms, that we may allow, grant, and set our hands to your teste and posterity forever, and also your appearance will be the 14th day of October, next coming, in the aforesaid year above written. And the said Orator did appear at the said day appointed, and did bring with him such evidence, whereof one piece dated from the 10th year of Henry the 3rd, which was in the year of our Lord 1226, from one Hercules de Malbie (!), the son of Simon de Malbie (!), Knight, who married Lady Dame Beckwith Bruce, one of the daughters of Sir William Bruce, Lord of Ugleybarby, and certain other lands in Pickering, that the said Hercules de Malbie (!) should change his name, or else his coat, he and his posterity forever.

And so it was that the said Hercules de Malbie changed his name from de Malbie to Beckwith, and did hold his coat, whereof I the said Earl Marshall Peter Mawlam, Lord of de Luke, Lord Chamberlain to our Sovereign Lord, King Edward 3rd, and Henry Lord Percy, Sir Robert Boynton, Knt, and Sir William Acton, did see and allow it in proof, and the said coat to be his own lineally descended, whereof we have our hands and seals, to the aforesaid teste, the day and year above written, in the presence of many."



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BECKWITH DE CLINT, SIR HERCULES DE: Son of Sir Hercules de Malebisse. He married the daughter of Sir John Ferrarr of Tamworth Castle, who by marriage in the House of Marmion inherited by tenure of the Castle of Tamworth the high office of Champion of England.

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BECKWITH DE CLINT, NICHOLAS: He married the daughter of Sir John Chaworth.

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BECKWITH, SIR HAMON: Grandson of Sir Hercules, was seized of the Lordship of Clint and Ugleybarby, and the Manors of Beckwith and Beckwithshaw, took upon himself the Coat of Arms of John Lord de Malebisse. In 1339, in proof of descent, he presented to the Earl Marshall of England the marriage contract of his great grandfather, Sir Hercules de Malebisse, to Lady Beckwith Bruce. The decision, of the Earl Marshall (see above), dated 1339, may still be seen in the Herald's Office.

Sir Hamon Beckwith had numerous issue, three sons and four daughters.

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BECKWITH, SIR WILLIAM: Son and heir of Sir Hamon, was seized of the Manors of Beckwith and Beckwithshaw in the 38th year of the reign of King Edward the Third, and married

the daughter of Sir Girard Urfleet, Knight of Wighill in County York, who commanded a Knight's retinue at the Battle of Agincourt in France.

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BECKWITH, THOMAS: Son and successor of Sir William of Clint, in the fourth year of the reign of Richard the Second; he held the manors of Magna Otringer and Husley near Thursk, and married the daughter of John Sawley of Saxton.

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BECKWITH, ADAM: Son and successor of Thomas of Clint. He married Elizabeth de Malebisse, and thus reunited the two branches of the Malebisse family, after a separation of three hundred years.

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BECKWITH, SIR WILLIAM: Son and successor of Adam Beckwith of Clint. He was knighted and married the daughter of Sir John Baskerville.

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BECKWITH, THOMAS: Son and successor of Sir William, married the daughter of William Haslerton, heiress of one-third part of the manors of Filey, Maston and Thorp, inherited from Havisia, daughter and heiress of Ralph Neville. He died in the tenth year of the reign of Henry the Seventh, having had five sons in-

cluding Thomas the eldest, and Adam, the fourth who died without issue, and John noted below.

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BECKWITH, JOHN: Third son of Thomas of Clint, married the daughter of Thomas Radcliff of Mulgrave and was succeeded by his only son, Robert Beckwith of Broxholme, in the eighth year of the reign of Edward the Fourth.

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BECKWITH, ROBERT: Of Broxholme, only son of John Beckwith, inherited the manor of Clint and Thorp, left an only son.

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BECKWITH, ROBERT: Of Clint and Thorp, whose will was dated October 16, 1536, and proved March 24, 1537. He married Jennet . . . . . and had issue: Robert, the eldest, died young; Marmaduke of Dacre and Clint, was the second son.

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BECKWITH, MARMADUKE: Of Dacre and Clint; second son of Robert Beckwith, sold his lands in Clint in 1597 and bought Featherstone and Acton. His second wife was Ellen, widow of William Style of Haddockon, County York. By his first wife, Anne, daughter of Dynly of Bramhope, County York, he had three sons: Thomas, William, and Roger; and daughters to a total of eleven children.



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BECKWITH, ROGER: Third son of Marmaduke Beckwith, of Northcot and Aldborough, by his second wife (died October, 1670) and was buried at Skellborough) had a son, Arthur, who succeeded him.

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BECKWITH, ARTHUR: Of Aldborough, son of Roger Beckwith, was baptized in 1615. He was Captain in the Parliamentary Army and killed in battle in 1642. He married Mary, daughter of Marmaduke Wyville of Sonstable Barton, Knight and Baronet. He had two sons and three daughters. One son, Marmaduke, died unmarried. Another, Roger, succeeded his father.

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BECKWITH, SIR ROGER: Of Aldborough, was knighted and created a Baronet of England by Charles the Second in 1681. By his second wife Elizabeth, daughter of Edmond Jennings of Ripon, Knight, he had two sons. The second son, Marmaduke, emigrated to Virginia about the time his father died, thus establishing the American branch of the Beckwith family. He eventually succeeded to the title while living in Virginia.

## Chapter Seven

### BECKWITH FAMILY IN AMERICA

BECKWITH, SIR MARMADUKE: Son of Sir Roger and Elizabeth Jennings Beckwith of Aldborough, Yorkshire, England. He emigrated to Virginia in 1700, the founder of the American line of Beckwith. He married Elizabeth Brockenborough, and was County Clerk of Richmond County from 1708 to 1748. He died in 1781, having sired the following children: Mary, born in England and married to Lawrence Butler; Sir Jonathan, born in Virginia November 4, 1820; Rebecca, married Major John Belfield; Marmaduke; Elizabeth, married John Morton, an Englishman; and Tapley.

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BECKWITH, SIR JONATHAN: Son of Sir Marmaduke, born in Richmond County, Virginia. He was a signer of the North Neck Declaration in 1765 protesting against the Stamp Act. He was living in Westmoreland County, Virginia, in 1835. He was a colonial patriot and in consequence the title of "Sir" which he had inherited from his father ceased to exist upon the declaration

of his patriotic sentiments. He married Rebecca Barnes of Virginia.

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BECKWITH, MARMADUKE: Second son of Sir Marmaduke Beckwith, married Sybel or Sybil, daughter of Major Lewis and Mary Ellzey, he an officer of the Revolutionary Army and the French and Indian Wars. They resided in Fairfax County, Virginia. Marmaduke Beckwith and his wife Sybel had nine children: Marmaduke; Tapley; Newman; Lucy; Elizabeth; Mary; William; Jennings; and Lewis.

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BECKWITH, NEWMAN: Son of Marmaduke, born October 14, 1767, in Richmond County, Virginia, moved to Missouri in 1812 and settled on the Mississippi River between Norfolk and Wolf Island, south of and opposite the mouth of the Ohio River, in what is now Mississippi County, Missouri. Here he died June 13, 1835. He married Judith A. Neale, a daughter of Richard and Frances Underwood Neale. She was born in Virginia and died in Missouri in 1830. She was an aunt of the mother of General "Stonewall" Jackson of the Confederate States Army.

Newman Beckwith and his wife had the following children:

Underwood, died in 1855, unmarried (See will below).



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Sir Marmaduke Beckwith 1687-1781

Mary Sir Jonathan Rebecca Marmaduke (4) Elizabeth Tapley  
m. BUTLER m. BELFIELD m. Ellzey m. MORTON

Marmaduke Tapley Newman (43) Lucy Elizabeth Mary William Jennings Lewis  
m. Neale

Underwood Francis Lucy Quiros (436) Marmaduke (437) Mountaire  
Richard Sabina (See Hunter 3) m. Johnston m. Griffith Barnes  
m. Hunter Price  
(See Hunter 14)

Quiros (4361) Thomas (4362) Underwood Lucy  
m. James m. Swank m. TRAVIS

Quiros John Harding Lillie Allie  
M. Getz m. Winbush m. RUSSELL



the whole of my Real Estate.

Seventhly I will and direct that all my person property, negroes excepted, be sold and after paying all expenses the balance to be divided equally between my two nephews, Thomas Beckwith and Underwood Beckwith and I appoint Quiros Beckwith, my brother, as guardian or trustee to Thomas Beckwith to use his donation as he may think most to his advantage until he arrive of lawful age but in no case is the Negroes to be hired at public hiring to the highest bidder. I also appoint my brother Marmaduke Beckwith the guardian for my Nephew Underwood Beckwith to take possession of Real Estate, Slaves, and money bequeathed by me to my said nephew, Underwood Beckwith, to keep the same for his use until he comes of age but in no case to hire out the Negroes at Public Hiring.

Also having Subscribed ten shares in the Mobile and Ohio Railroad I direct my Executor to pay off all installments that may remain unpaid at my decease and I will and give the same to my Nephew Thomas Beckwith, son of Quiros Beckwith, also I give to my brother Richard Beckwith the Negro girl named Charlotte and her children for his natural life then at his death the said girl Charlotte and her children to my Nephew Underwood Beckwith to be his forever.

I hereby appoint my brother Quiros Beckwith sole executor of this my last will and tes-



tament. Given under my hand and Seal this the 15th day of January 1854.

Signed: U.BECKWITH

Signed, Sealed and published  
in the presence of  
JAMES M. OVERTON  
WILLIAM MORGAN

State of Missouri	}	In County Court of Mis-
County of Mississippi		issippi County, Mis-
		souri in Vacation

Be it remembered that James M. Overton and William Morgan two of the subscribing Witnesses to the within Will personally appeared before me, George Whitcomb Clerk of the County Court of said County, in vacation thereof and being by me duly sworn depose and say that they saw the within named testator, Underwood Beckwith, sign the within instrument which he published as his last will and that he the said testator was at the time of sound mind and over the age of twenty one years and that these deponents attested said will as witnesses thereof by subscribing their names to the same in the presence of and at the request of the said testator and in the presence of each other.

JAMES M. OVERTON  
WILLIAM MORGAN

Sworn to and subscribed before me by the said James M. Overton and William Morgan

In witness whereof I have hereto affixed my official seal at office the date above written.

GEORGE WHITCOMB, Clerk

GEORGE WHITCOMB, Clerk

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Barnes, born in Virginia, married Elizabeth Faulkner; they had no children.

Newman Beckwith and his seven sons and two daughters and wife moved to Missouri in

1812. Of his nine children only two sons and one daughter had issue; one daughter died unmarried; two married but had no children; and three of the sons never married.

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BECKWITH, QUIROS: Son of Newman Beckwith was born in Virginia September 25, 1801. He settled in Missouri. On April 2, 1839, he married Susan Johnston who was born in Nashville, Tennessee, October 31, 1813. To this union five children were born; only two of whom survived the parents, Quiros and Thomas.

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BECKWITH, MARMADUKE: Son of Newman Beckwith, was born in Fairfax County, Virginia, February 11, 1806. He died March 29, 1881, at Arcadia, Missouri. He was married twice. His first wife was a Griffith and his children by this wife were Underwood and Lucy. Lucy married a Dr. Travis. She and Underwood both died in Mississippi County, Missouri, without issue.

Marmaduke's second wife was Catherine Hunter Price (See Hunter 14)

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BECKWITH, QUIROS: Son of Quiros (436) born in Mississippi County, Missouri, in 1847. He married Susan James on August 7, 1866. She died July 4, 1879. To this union were born: Quiros "Elmo" who married Mollie Gatz, half-sister of Dr. Brinstead, but had no issue; and John Harding "Hardy " (43612).





MARMADUKE BECKWITH

1806-1881

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BECKWITH, THOMAS: Second son of Quiros (436), born in Mississippi County, Missouri, on January 24, 1840. He lived in Charleston and followed farming as an occupation. On March 11, 1862, he married Laura Swank (born December 4, 1844) in Hardin County, Kentucky. Thomas was survived by two daughters; Lillie who never married; and Allie or Ollie who married Clark Russell, a nephew of the Honorable Joseph J. Russell of Charleston, Missouri. Clark Russell was an attorney.

Thomas Beckwith was an archaeologist of note. His collection is now in the Museum of Southeast Missouri State College in Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

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BECKWITH, JOHN HARDING: Second son of Quiros (4361), born in 1867. He married Julia Winbush of Kentucky on December 28, 1887. He died survived by his wife and one son who moved to Kentucky.



## Chapter Eight

### BIRD FAMILY

#### Tracing the Ancestry of Ben F. Hunter

First we visited, years ago, Annapolis, the capital of Maryland, because the libraries of a capital city can usually supply genealogical information. For information about William Bird we were directed to the Hall of Records, the place where wills and probate records are kept, in Anne Arundel County, Maryland.

We found that William Bird was born in England and died in Anne Arundel County. His estate was administered in that county and the records included an inventory of his estate including some personal property in England. We had hoped to find in this folio of records a list of William Bird's sons, whom we had reason to believe, had resided in Calvert County, Maryland.

A visit to Calvert County, which incidentally includes only a portion of its former area, revealed that no records were available prior to the Civil War. Federal soldiers had removed or burned all the records and then burned the



courthouse.

On a subsequent visit to Annapolis the wills of William and Abraham Bird, both of Calvert County, Maryland, and so stated in each will, were found in the Hall of Records. The father of William Bird and Abraham Bird may not have been the first William Bird, who emigrated from England and William and Abraham may not have been brothers. The fact that the wills of these two men, both named Bird and both from Calvert County, and the administrative papers of the emigrant Bird are in the archives at Annapolis is, of course, only strong circumstantial evidence and not positive proof.

Records have been copies as found--Bird, Byrd, Burd, or Bord--but they refer to the Bird family under consideration. Both Bird and Byrd were found in England centuries ago. Earliest found was Hugh C. Bird in the thirteenth century.

The papers of Mr. Edward Byrd of Midloth-eon, Texas, indicate that numerous families of the name emigrated to America at various times. In 1635 a Richard Bird came to Norfolk, Virginia, and a William Bird to Charles City County, Virginia. The next year a Richard Bird is recorded in Henri County, Virginia. Others came later in the century to Virginia, Maine, Connecticut, and New Jersey.

S. B. H. - M. M. H.

## BIRD, WILLIAM

William Bird was born in England in the early 1600s, married, had children, lived in Anne Arundel County, Maryland. Died in the latter 1600s, possibly 1688, in that county. The inventory lists personal property in England. William and Abraham are supposed sons. (From Will in Hall of Records, Anne Arundel County, Maryland).

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## BIRD, WILLIAM

William Bird is the supposed son of original William. Lived in Calvert County, Maryland. Positive proof of descent is lacking because Calvert County records and courthouse were destroyed by federal soldiers during the Civil War. (From Will in Hall of Records, Arundel County, Maryland and Wayland, John W. History of Shenandoah County, Virginia. Strasburg, Virginia, Shenandoah Publishing House, 1927).

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## BIRD, ABRAHAM

Abraham Bird is a supposed son of original William. Also lived in Calvert County, Maryland. His will dated 1698, proven and recorded in 1699. (See Will in Hall of Records in Annapolis, Arundel County, Maryland) Records show that he married and died about 1699. One son was named Andrew (21); other children, if any, are unknown.

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BIRD, ANDREW

Andrew Bird was the son of Abraham (1), siblings unknown. He was born and lived in Calvert County, Maryland, married Magdaline . . . . . He died in 1750. He was the father of Andrew (211) Mounce, and Abraham. (Wayland, John W. History of Shenandoah County, Virginia. Strasburg, Virginia, Shenandoah Publishing House, 1927. p. 192-4, 584-5, 791-2 and Probate Records Book I, page 283 in Staunton, Augusta County, Virginia) Andrew patented land in Augusta County in 1749.

"Among the earliest settlers of this section was Andrew Bird, who patented land on Smith's Creek, in present Rockingham County, in 1749. He died in 1750. He had at least three children, namely Andrew the eldest, Mounce, and Abraham. (Ibid. p. 584, 691-2).

Andrew moved from Calvert County, Maryland to Orange County, Virginia, and later to Augusta County, Virginia, when the Shenandoah Valley was the extreme western frontier of the colony.

"A mile above Newmarket, Virginia, on top of the Massanutten Mountain, if traveling the Valley Pike looking east, one can see Bird's Knob. In early days the Birds, a family long prominent in Rockingham and



"Craney Island is in Rockingham County, half a mile above the "Fairfax Line." Bird's Knob is almost on the line but on the Rockingham side. A short distance farther up Smith's Creek in the edge of Rockingham County is Craney Island, the old Bird Home (under Bird's Knob)." Wayland. op.cit. p.192,194,468).

Records show a land grant to him in 1749:

## LAND GRANT TO ANDREW BIRD...

"George the Second by the Grace of God  
of Great Britain France and Ireland King  
Defender of the Faith &c. To all to whom  
these Presents shall come Greeting Know  
ye that for consideration mentioned in an  
order to our trusty welbeloved William

Gooch Esquire our Lieutenant Governor and Commander in chief of our Colony and Dominion of Virginia in our Council of said Colony the twenty-first Day of October one thousand seven hundred and thirty one We have Given Granted and Confirm and by these Presents for us our Heirs and Successors Do give Grant and confirm unto Andrew Burd one certain tract or Parcel of land containing two hundred and ten Acres lying and being in the County of Augusta on Smith's Creek and bounded as followeth to wit Beginning at a Oak Corner to John Hodges Land on the north side of the Creek . . ." (Ibid, p. 508-9).

"The Council order being dated in 1731, and the patent in 1756, the settlement of Byrd was obviously not within the two years limit. Hite, in the meantime finding difficulty in obtaining 100 families secured an extension of time and probably in interval became acquainted with Byrd, after his actual settlement. Of the other two patents, the first dated 5th day of September, 1749, was granted to Andrew Burd, 'for diverse good Causes and Considerations but more especially for and on Consideration of the Sum of Twenty Shillings of good and lawful Money.' This shows that Byrd was in the neighborhood long before the Hite patent was issued. The indications are that





Abraham (1 Mar.1761-.. ....)

Isaac (4 Feb. 1763-.. .. .)

NOTE:- It is important to keep in mind that the original Andrew Bird died in 1750 so any activity of an Andrew Bird subsequent to that date would necessarily be that of a son, Captain Andrew; or a grandson, Andrew; or a great grandson, also named Andrew. S. B. H.

(Harrison. op. cit. p. 298, 508-10)

(Wayland. op. cit. p. 462-3, 584-5, 691-3)

(Court Records of a suit by heirs of Mounce Bird son of the original Andrew (21) OrangeCounty, Virginia;(the Augusta County Court not yet being organized) for the years 1743-46).

Mounce Bird (1737-1793) was the son of Andrew of Calvert County, Maryland; married Clara Ruddell, sister of Captain Isaac Ruddell of Ruddell's Fort, Kentucky, and the daughter of John Ruddell, as shown by the following will:

[illegible]

# WILL OF JOHN RUDDELL, SENIOR

BIRD

BYRD

In the Name of God Amen the 20th day of  
March in the year of our Lord 1781 I John  
Ruddell Sen'r of the County of Shanando and  
State Colony of Virginia being sick and weak in





THE MOUNCE BIRD HOME



Published and pronounced to be the sd. John  
Ruddells last will and Testament, wit in the  
Presence of the Subscriber.

RUSTIN DOBBIN

Court held for Shanando Co. on Thursday  
31st of May 1781                      Recorded                      Will  
Book A -p.338 Shenandoah County, Virginia.

[illegible]

Sarah, wife of John Moore.

Ingabo, wife of Isaac Goare.

Margaret, wife of Cornelius Newman.

Magdaline who married John Taylor and  
later Benjamin Hawkins.



Abraham (2125)

John, removed to Kentucky.

William (2127)

Mounce Junior who resided at "The Forge" and married Hannah Pennybaker on December 17, 1795, and had a large family. (Wayland. op. cit. p. 691-2)

Mounce Bird lived on Smith Creek about three miles north of New Market. "Near the White House on the opposite side of Smith Creek is an old stone house, said to have been the home of Mounce Bird." (Wayland. op. cit. p. 462)

A few years ago a Mr. Cushman of New Market, Virginia; an old gentleman who knew the sites of three of the Bird's houses, took us to the Mounce Bird house. It was a large, two-story-with-attic stone house. In the attic were portholes so the inmates could defend themselves from attack by Indians. A Mrs. Beaver lived in the house and said theirs was one of the best farms on Smith Creek.

Mounce Bird, a prominent and influential citizen, was a large property owner and in the census of 1783 had a family of eighteen whites and one black, the second largest household reported. His brother, Abraham, had thirteen whites and no blacks.

Mounce Bird gave his son Abraham a Power of Attorney to go to Kentucky and dispose of his large landholdings there. This Power of Attorney is of record in Shenandoah County and in the Cap-

Excerpts of the court records relating to the Mounce Bird estate follow:

[illegible]

ABRAHAM BIRD and MARY his wife, John Bird, and Elenor his wife, John Moore and Sarah his wife, Isaac Goor and Ingobo his wife, Cornelius Newman and Mary his wife, John Taylor and Magdaline his wife the one party all being heirs of MOUNCE BIRD deceased late of Shenandoah County and State of Va. and William Bird and Mounce Bird sons of Mounce Bird deceased of the County and State aforesaid of the other part. -----

Book "I" & "J". Page 183 Deed dated  
2 May 1793.

MOUNCE BIRD (died 1793) brother of Col. Abraham Bird was in Militia 1775.  
(Virginia Magazine. Vol. 44, p.102).

That MOUNCE BIRD Francis Ravenhill-----  
Court Seal 31st Day of May 1781. The Condi-  
tion of this obligation is such that if the above  
bound M. Bird Esq. of the last will and Testa-  
ment of JOHN RUDELLE Dec'D do make or  
cause to be made a true and perfect Inventory  
of all and singular the goods----

s/ M. BYRD, (Seal)

Sealed and delivered in the presence of the Court. Court held 21st of May 1781. This bond was acknowledged by MOUNCE BIRD, Francis Ravenhill and Archibald Ruddell and ordered to be recorded.

Will Book "A". Shenandoah County, Virginia.  
p. 342.

"6th Aug. 1789 between Cornelius Ruddell eldest son of John Ruddell Senior deceased of County of Augusta, Vir. and Ingobo his wife-- one part, MOUNCE BIRD, Shenandoah, Vir. other part on easterly side of Smith's Creek or Branch of the North River of Shenandoah.

s/CORNELIUS RUDDELL (Seal)  
s/INGOBO <sup>Her</sup>~~X~~ seal RUDDELL

Deed Book "G" Shenandoah County, Virginia. p. 454.

Indenture made 29th June 1786 between MOUNCE BYRD and CLAIR his wife of Shanando County, Virginia and Derk Pennebacher and Benjamin Fawcett---and part of the forge being the same tract of land the said MOUNCE BIRD purchased of Buir Harrison & William Stathe.

June 29, 1786. s/MOUNCE BYRD (Seal)  
s/CLAIR <sup>her</sup>~~X~~ seal BIRD

Deed Book "F" Shenandoah County, Virginia.





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## BIRD, ABRAHAM

Abraham Bird (1761-1820), son of Andrew Bird (21) and brother of Mounce, had a distinguished military and political career in Virginia before he moved to Fayette County, Kentucky, where he died in 1820. He was a Colonel in the revolutionary army in 1778; a representative of Dunmore in the Virginia Constitutional Convention of 1776; and representative of Dunmore and Shenandoah in the Virginia House of Delegates eleven sessions in the period 1776-1796. His plantation was called "Red Banks."

He married Rachel Zeigler and had the following children:

Captain George, born in 1763, married Hannah Allen, daughter of Ruben and Lydia Moore Allen, and they became the parents of Mark Bird of "Bird's Nest", Shenandoah--commonwealth attorney; representative of Shenandoah, Hardy, and Warren counties in the Virginia Constitutional Convention of 1850-1851; and judge of the Eighteenth Judicial District of Virginia.

Captain Abraham, Shenandoah Revolutionary Militia Captain.

Mark, who married Sarah Gordon.

Andrew (2134)

Magdaline, who married an Allen and moved to Ohio.

Elizabeth.

Mary.

Catherine.

Margaret, who married Joseph Hawkins and moved to Marion County, Missouri. Mr. Hawkins was elected to the Thirteenth Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Henry Clay.

NOTE:-The fact that Col. Abraham Bird and his nephew of the same name both moved to Kentucky and later to Missouri, each had a daughter named Mary, and each had a son named Abraham who were military captains has confused more than one genealogist.

Moreover, while not of immediate interest, Birds married at an early date with Halker, Pennybaker, Seehorn, Samuels, Allan, Moore, Newman, and Taylor families. S.B.H.

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BIRD, ANDREW (1754-1838)

Andrew Bird (30 Nov. 1754-30 Nov. 1838) was the son of Andrew (211). He was a revolutionary soldier and qualified as a captain in the military forces on May 24, 1779. He married Ann . . . . . and they had the following children; she died 20 April 1834:

Mary (1778- )

Elizabeth (1779-1834) who married a Moore.

John (1781- )

Catherine (1783- )



Phoebe (1785-1846) who married a Kroner.

Ann (1787- )

Abraham (1789- )

Andrew (1789-1823)

Sarah (1791- )

Ruth (1797-1830) who married a Thomas.

Thomas (1800- )

Notations in The New Practice Piety state Phoebe (Kranor), daughter of Andrew Bird, died the 16th of September 1846(?); Andrew Bird departed this life June the 22, 1823; Ruth Thomas, daughter of Andrew Bird and Ann, his wife, departed this life March 5th, 1830; Elizabeth Moore, another daughter, departed this life March . . , 1834.

2125

## BIRD, ABRAHAM

Abraham Bird, son of Mounce Bird of Shenandoah County and grandson of Andrew Bird of Calvert County, Maryland, became a captain in revolutionary forces. (Papers of Edward Byrd of Midlothean, Texas) He married Mary Jones June 3, 1781. (Wayland. op. cit. p. 743) They moved to Kentucky and lived in Bourbon County.

When Abraham Bird made a sale he would state in the deed that he was acting under Power of Attorney from his father, Mounce Bird of Shenandoah County, Virginia. (See Deed Records in Cynthiana and Paris, Kentucky).

In 1796 after disposing of his father's lands in Kentucky, Abraham with his wife, four sons,

The Bird's had a tavern and warehouse, and in 1818 built a small levee to protect their buildings which were facing the Ohio. At that time there was no erosion by the rivers there where the two rivers came together just south of the old Holiday Hotel site. Bird lands included everything lying south of an east-west line just south of the stone depot at Fourteenth Street and Ohio in Cairo. (See Perrin's History of Alexander County, and Lansden's History of Cairo).

[illegible]

Suit in Court at Unity, Ill. when Unity  
was the County seat of Alexander Co.

Suit in August Term of Circuit Court of the  
County of St. Louis in the year 1821.

Thompson Bird as one of the heirs filed said petition against Mary Bird, widow of Abraham Bird, deceased, Abraham Bird, Jr., William Bird, John Bird and Mary Vail, formerly Mary Bird, heirs and representatives of Abraham Bird deceased, praying for a partition of a certain lot of ground. (See Commission report filed in St. Louis, Missouri).





Three records establish the heirs of Abraham Bird: (1) Record of a suit in Alexander County, Illinois, when Unity was the county seat, (2) Record of suit in August Term of Circuit Court of the County of St. Louis in 1821, and (3) Court proceedings in East Baton Rouge Parish of the State of Louisiana founding the association of Thompson-Abraham Bird & Company. The same proceedings set forth the heirs of William Bird, deceased.

Abraham and Mary Jones Bird had the following children:

Abram (21251)

William (21252)

Thompson (21253)

John (21254)

Mary who married Samuel Vail at Baton Rouge.

On account of Indian depredations he moved his family to Cape Girardeau in the fall of 1796, then in the Spanish Territory west of the Mississippi River. While they were at Cape Girardeau and Bird's Point, Illinois, he acquired the claims of settlers on the Mississippi River facing the mouth of the Ohio River and adjoining land, some of it by patent. One such patent was granted by the Spanish authorities to his son, William, as shown below:

L. LORIMIER

Sn Luis de Illinois, 2 de Enero de 1798, Constantome par il informe d'il Commandante del Cabo Girardeau, Dñ. Louis Lorimier, que le tierra que se solicita esta vacante y no prijudica a los circonvecinos. el Agrimensor. Du Ant. Solard pomdre el interesado in popepion de ella y verbalizern. Se apro a confirmacion para que Serra a Silicitar la concesion del Sr Governador el que queda informado que el Sey ito mer le la graine qui solicit.

ZENON TRUDEAU

Received and recorded the 4th day of June, 1808, pr. me

GEORGE HENDERSON, Recorder  
(Seal)

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I assign over all my right, title and claim to the within granted land to Henry Cockersham.

As witness my hand this 10th day of November, 1807.

WILLIAM BIRD

Test: JAMES CURRIN.

Territory of Louisian

District of Cape Girardeau

Personally came and appeared James Currin, before me, a Justice of the Peace in and for Cape Girardeau Township and District aforesaid and made oath that he saw William Bird





"Abraham Bird in 1798 received a grant from DeLassus on the Mississippi opposite the mouth of the Ohio and which thus became known as Bird's Point, Missouri. The original grant has long since been carried away by the Mississippi and much other land belonging to the family." (Houck's History of Missouri. vol.2, p.164)

Lucy Bird now living on part of the old Bird Plantation, is the great great granddaughter of Abraham Bird. She has in her possession many valuable documents and papers that were the property of Abraham Bird and his son John Bird. She also has papers of other sons of Abraham, and copies of the survey made by and signed by surveyors showing small plots of land acquired by Abraham Bird, dated 1800 to 1805.

Abraham Bird, son of Mounce Bird, occupied the claim of John Johnson in Survey 2231 as recorded in Book B, folio 357, New Madrid County. The assignment was written in French. Peter Downey's Plat or Grant No. 2 is Recorded in Book B, folio 354; the papers being signed by Antonio Constance at St. Louis, February 1806.

Abraham Bird (2125) was the discoverer of Bird's Island in Scott County, Missouri, and gave it his name. This so-called island has a high rock bluff at the north end and slopes to the south and ends in what was formerly swamp-land--now drained. This island, with an area of several hundred acres, is formed by Whitewater River, a creek which divided at the north end of

the island. The branches are called the East and West branches of Whitewater. These two branches come together again at the south end of Bird's Island and form Little River. Thus the stream is known north of Bird's Island as Whitewater and south of it to its southern end as Little River.

Abraham Bird moved his family from Cape Girardeau to Bird's Plantation soon after 1800. He lived there until his removal, with part if not all of his family, to Baton Rouge, Louisiana, where he engaged in the production of sugar cane and its processing into sugar.

Previous to 1809 the planters of Louisiana had been growing indigo, used for making blue dye, for the European markets. About 1809 a man came from Puerto Rico and demonstrated to a planter how to reduce the syrup of sugar cane to sugar so as to make sugar that would remain crystalized and not go back to syrup.

It is said this planter gave a dinner to which he invited a number of his friends and neighbors. At this dinner crystalized sugar was served. Soon many of the planters turned to growing sugarcane and making sugar.

Many of them prospered amazingly, for all the world wanted sugar and the production of it was unusually profitable.

Abraham Bird and his four sons, William, Abraham, Thompson, and John, all became pro-



ducers and they each left large estates as measured by the period in which they lived.

Abraham, Sr., died in 1820 and was buried on one of his plantations. His widow, Mary Jones Bird, on a visit to her son John, who had returned to Missouri and established himself at Bird's Plantation opposite the Ohio, died in 1844 and is buried at the Bird Family Cemetery where a stone marks her grave. This cemetery is near a place now called Alfalfa Center.

Proceedings in court before Judge Tisson of Louisiana for partition of property names all the heirs of Abraham Bird. Another suit in partition, instituted in Scott County, Missouri, about 1843 and transferred to Cape Girardeau County, Missouri, involved sale of headrights to over five hundred arpents of land on Hubble's Creek.

It is said Abraham Bird and his family became dissatisfied on account of a great flood from the rivers and for that reason moved to Louisiana. One wonders if Abraham had not considered the business of growing sugar-cane and making sugar, since he no doubt had made trips to Louisiana. He bought the Old Spanish Government House in Baton Rouge, and carried on the business as a family corporation. Individual members of the family became owners of city property, plantations, and much other personal property. (See Records of Judge Tisson of East Baton Rouge and land records of

2127

(.. .... -.. .... ..) He was the son of Mounce and Clara Ruddell Bird. Unmarried he left his property to the children of his brother Mounce Bird Junior as shown by his will:

[illegible]

I William Byrd Sen'r of Shenandoah County  
and State of Virginia do make----this my last  
Will and Testament

Secondly I do appoint Joseph H. Samuels Ex-  
ecutor of this my last Will and Testament. 17th

WILLIAM BIRD 2127

WM BYRD (Seal)

At a Court held Shenandoah Co. 12th Nov.  
1838. The last Will and Testament of Wm. Byrd  
dec'd.

Woodstock, Shenandoah, Vir.

Will Book U. p. 184 Shenandoah County, Virginia.

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BIRD, ANDREW

Andrew Bird, son of Abraham (213) was born in Shenandoah in 1789. He married Catherine Fry and moved to Kentucky, thence to California—where he died and was buried in the Pacific Ocean in 1850.



## Chapter Nine

### BIRD FAMILY (Continued)

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BIRD, ABRAM

Abram Bird, first son of Abraham, married, had a son, Abraham, and a daughter who married James L. Lobdell, Sr., at one time Register of Lands for Louisiana. Other descendants: Mrs. McVea and her daughter; and a Mrs. Morris residing in Baton Rouge; and a Mrs. Bob (Virginia) Jennings recently living in Fairfield, Connecticut.

21252

BIRD, WILLIAM

William Bird, the son of Abraham Bird, died at Baton Rouge, Louisiana. He had married and had a son, Thompson J. Bird, sheriff once in East Baton Rouge Parish, and now deceased, who left a son, Cecil, a lawyer in Baton Rouge; a daughter, Adelia, married to Dr. Samuel Gordon Laycock of Ohio who had moved to Baton Rouge. The Laycock's had a daughter, Adelia, and sons

who were living in Baton Rouge a few years ago. Adelia "Addie" later married William George. Her widowed mother married a Mr. Dawson.

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BIRD, THOMPSON

(. . . . . - . . . . .) He was the son of Abraham and Mary Jones Bird (Bird 2125). He married a daughter of Stephen Byrd and granddaughter of Amos Byrd Senior. To this union were born:

Mary I. (. . . . . 1822-. . . . . 1911) who is buried in Old Lorimier Cemetery in Cape Girardeau with a stone marking the burial place. She married Benjamin M. Horrell of Cape Girardeau County Missouri, and they had children. Mr. Horrell was living in a large house in Cape Girardeau which was damaged in the eighteen fifties by a very severe storm. He was associated with Colonel Robert Sturdivant and they built and operated a flour mill in Cape Girardeau. (Isaac Ogden, the millwright, came from Monongahela County, West Virginia (then Virginia) in the very early part of the 1800s. Mrs. Stephen B. Hunter has a deed made to Isaac Ogden for a lot in the town of Winchester, New Madrid County, Missouri. This deed was executed about one hundred fifty years ago. The town of Winchester was very near





THE THOMPSON BIRD HOUSE - 1841-1944  
(Formerly John Bird House)  
Used as a Hospital during the Civil War





hands to atend the said fishback &  
such hands as foles to men to Boys one woman  
and one cart one yoke of oxin and is to Bord  
them while imployed at the work of the said  
Bird and the said fish Back &  
is to make good marchant able Brick  
sutible for Bilding a dweling hause which Brick  
is to Bare inspetion by workmen the said Bird  
is to furnesh the sand and lime and hands to a  
tende the said fish Back                      whil puting  
up the said house the said fishBack &

is to Building the said house in  
a good workman like maner so as to Bare in-  
spetion arches turned ore the dors and winders  
the house is to Be pointed                      an painted in  
workman like manner and the said Bird is to  
pay the said fish Back &  
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lars over an above the price of the said hause  
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test.                      August 16 1822                      tende

THOMPSON BIRD 21253

to the Dollar

and test

in the presents of

GOHNSON A. BUCKNER

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BIRD, JOHN (1765-1868)

John Bird, the youngest son of Abraham Bird and Mary Jones Bird was born in 1795, since he was about a year old when his parents, three brothers and a sister, Mary, landed in Illinois where Cairo is now located. He went with his parents to Louisiana, but later became the owner of the Bird Plantation on the Mississippi facing the mouth of the Ohio River. He died on this plantation in 1868 and is buried in a marked grave in the Bird Family Cemetery there.

He married Ingabo Byrd (1807-1864) of Cape Girardeau County, Missouri, the daughter of Abraham Byrd and granddaughter of Amos Byrd, Sr., who with his family moved from east Tennessee, or that part of North Carolina that is now Tennessee. Ingabo Byrd Bird died in 1864 and is also buried in the family cemetery on the plantation in Mississippi County, Missouri. The grave stone may still be seen.

To this union were born twelve children, six of whom survived their parents:





JOHN BIRD  
of  
BIRD'S POINT, MISSOURI



longing unto me at this time in the State of Louisiana and parish of East Baton Rouge and to make a final settlement and division of property with the Estate of William Bird deceased and to use all lawful means for the recovery thereof and to compound and agree for the same and to do all other acts concerning the premises as fully in every respect as I myself could do if personally present in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 30 day of December in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and thirty

Seled and delivered  
in presents of  
NICHOLAS SEARS  
JOHN BROWN

s/JOHN BIRD

State of Missouri County of Scott

Be it remembered that on this 31st day of December in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and thirty, before me the Clerk of the Circuit Court within and for the County of Scott in the State of Missouri Appeared John Bird who is personally known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing Instrument of writing as having Executed the same and acknowledged the said deed for the purposes therein mentioned.

Taken and certified the  
Day and year aforesaid.

In Witness whereof I George C. Harbison



clerk of said Court have hereunto set my  
hand and affixed the seal of said Court at  
office this date aforesaid.

GEORGE C. HARBISON, Clerk

[illegible]

John Bird was without question, just before the Civil War, one of the largest property owners in the state of Missouri. He had city and farm lands in St. Louis, Cairo, Paducah, Columbus (Kentucky), and Baton Rouge; and large acreage of land in Missouri, Illinois, Kentucky, and Louisiana. Each of his sugar plantations in Louisiana had a sugar mill. In addition he had a large estate in personal property, not counting the Negroes, who were emancipated in Missouri and Louisiana.

The records in the Bankruptcy Courts in Missouri, and especially those in Paducah, Kentucky, are impressive.

He was survived by the following children: Thompson and Stephen (who were his executors), William, Andrew, Nancy Emily, married to Ben F. Hunter of Scott County, Missouri; and Clara, married to Dr. Thomas J. Edwards of Union City, Tennessee; being four sons and two daughters of the twelve.

Another John Bird document of interest is the following partition action:



chaser being required to give bond and approved the security for the purchase money; and it was further order that the Sheriff of said county carry into effect the said order. A copy of which said order and decree under the seal of said court embracing and including all the lands & lots in said decree mentioned, amongst which, was the said above described tract of land, afterward came to the hands of the undersigned Sheriff of said county: By virtue of which said order and decree of said Court, I the said Sheriff, having previously to the day of sale hereinafter mentioned given at least twenty days notice of the time and place of sale, of the real estate to be sold and where situated as the law directs, by six advertisements put up at six of the most public places in said county (one of which said advertisements is annexed to the said copy of said order and decree of said Court, and made part of the Sheriff's report and return thereon) by virtue of which said decree and order of said Court as aforesaid I the said Sheriff, did on the twenty seventh day of May, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and forty seven between the hours of nine in the forenoon and five in the afternoon of that day at the Court house door in the town of Jackson in said county, during the May Term of the said Circuit Court for the year 1847 aforesaid, expose to sale at public auction to the highest bidder on a credit of twelve months, amongst other lands in the decree of said Court mentioned all the right title



claim estate and property of the parties plaintiffs and defendants in said original Bill and decree named, the said described five hundred and sixty arpens of land aforesaid lying on the waters of Hubbles Creek aforesaid in said County and John Bird being the highest and last bidder for said described tract of land at the price and sum of nine hundred dollars, the said described tract of land was stricken off and sold to the said John Bird, for that price and sum and sum, and he became the purchaser thereof. Now know ye that in consideration of the premises and of the said sum of nine hundred dollars to me the said Sheriff paid by the said John Bird the receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge, and by virtue of the authority in me vested by law, I James N. Bennett Sheriff of said County of Cape Girardeau, do hereby assign, transfer and convey to the said John Bird his heirs and assigns forever all the right title claim estate and property of the parties (plaintiffs and defendants) in the said Bill for partition and in the said decree of said Court aforesaid named of in and to the above mentioned and described five hundred and sixty arpens of land aforesaid lying and being in the county aforesaid, that I might or could sell as such Sheriff as aforesaid by virtue of the aforesaid adjudication and decree of said Court aforesaid and said advertisements. To have and to hold the same with all the privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging to the said John Bird his heirs and assigns forever. In witness where-

of I the said James N. Bennett, Sheriff of the County of Cape Girardeau aforesaid have hereunto set my hand and seal this 19th day of June in the year eighteen hundred and forty eight.

(Seal)

J. N. BENNETT, Sheriff

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Cape Girardeau Circuit Court May Term 1848

June 19th, 1848, 12th day of the Term

James N. Bennett sheriff of this County appears in open court and acknowledges his deed of Conveyance by him executed to John Byrd for the uses and purposes in said deed mentioned and expressed, which said deed is dated this day and calls for 560 arpens of land lying on the waters of Hubble's Creek, in this County, being the head right of Abraham Byrd sen. adjoining lands formerly owned by David Davis, Nicholas Seavers and others, sold under an order and decree of this Court setting as a Court of Chancery for the purpose of making partition between the said John Byrd, Abraham Byrd and others. Ordered that the Clerk of this Court certify this proof of the execution and acknowledgement of said deed under the seal of this Court. I Henry Sanford Clerk of the said Circuit Court do hereby certify that the above is a true and perfect copy of the proof of the execution and acknowledgement of this deed as the same appears of record in the said Circuit Court.

Given under my hand and the seal  
of the said Circuit Court, at Jack-

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HY. SANFORD, Clerk.

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Abram Thompson Bird, son of Thompson Bird Senior, and brother of Mary I. Bird Horrell married Julia L. Von Phul. She was a sister of Benjamin Von Phul, for years a realtor in St. Louis and a son or grandson of Henry Von Phul of St. Louis. The Von Phuls came to Missouri from Louisiana. To this union were born several children (Affidavit of Stephen Bird in 1896)

Henry, who married but is now deceased.  
Thompson, who married but now deceased  
John, now deceased.

212533

John Bird, son of Thompson Bird, died before reaching his majority. His uncle, John Bird of Bird's Point, Missouri, administered



his estate. (See probate records in Scott County, Missouri, for 1842 and 1843).

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BIRD, THOMPSON (1828-1898)

Thompson Bird, son of John Bird, was a very noted horticulturalist. He married three times. By his second wife, Martha Emory, he had three children: Rachel, who married Emerson Parks, the leading citizen of Trimble, Tennessee, a banker, farmer, and stock raiser on a large scale. Mr. Parks had been married before and had two children by that marriage, but none by the later one; Rose, second daughter of Thompson Bird, never married; and Clara, the third, married Jerry Gower. To this union were born a son, Jerry, and a daughter, Clara, a trained nurse who moved to California and married.

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BIRD, WILLIAM

(9 Dec. 1830-2 Sept. 1871) William Bird, the son of John Bird, married Lucy Catherine Miller (23 Nov. 1845-13 May 1926) of East Prairie, Missouri. They had two children:

John Abram (2125441)

Sallie Ingabo (21 Aug. 1869-12 July 1921)  
who married Dr. Samuel B. Cary (4  
Apr. 1850-23 Feb. 1927) of Union City,  
Tennessee. They had three girls: Lu-  
cille Bird (13 Mar. 1892-12 Mar. 1920);

Sallie Ingabo (7 Feb.1896-... ..)  
 who married 17 July 1927 Galen W.  
 Wolff, no issue; and Sammy Bird (19  
 Sept. 1907-... ..) who married  
 11 July 1928 Earl Welton and had four  
 children (a son who died in infancy;  
 Sally Bird (25 Oct.1930-... ..)  
 who married 1 June 1957 Paul Scott  
 King, and had Paul Scott Junior (20 Dec.  
 1957-... ..); Susan Cary (26 Nov.  
 1944-... ..) and Sharon Earle  
 (27 June 1947-... ..).

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BIRD, STEPHEN

(27 Jan.1836-7 Feb.1912) He was the son of  
 John and Ingabo Hunter Bird. He was married  
 twice. His first wife was Althea "Allie" Hunter  
 (Hunter 121) the daughter of Judge Isaac Hunter  
 of Morley, Scott County, Missouri. By this mar-  
 riage he had a son Abraham Thompson (Bird  
 2125461).

Stephen Bird's second marriage was to A-  
 manda Hunter (Hunter 123).

Stephen Bird was born in Louisiana and spent  
 his life on the Bird Plantations. He operated a  
 sawmill as part of his activity. He was a noted  
 shot with a rifle.

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BIRD, NANCY EMILY (1840-Feb. 1922)

Nancy Emily Bird, the daughter of John Bird, married Ben F. Hunter of Scott County, Missouri. (See Hunter 15).

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BIRD, CLARA (1849-....)

Clara Bird, the daughter of John Bird married Dr. Thomas Joshua Edwards, a noted oculist of Union City, Tennessee. They had two sons and a daughter. The first, Dick, married Miss Gibbs of Union City. This son was supervising the hooking of a car on the Mobile and Ohio Railroad when a switch engine bumped two cars while he was passing between them and he was killed.

The second son, Harry, married and has one daughter.

The daughter, Berdie, a remarkably beautiful and attractive woman, she was graduated from Ward Belmont College. She married Lexie Parks, graduate of Vanderbilt University and Vanderbilt Law School and very talented and brilliant, who was successful in all his undertakings. He was president of the Old National Bank of Union City.

To this union was born Edwards, a successful banker at Union City, Tennessee; Clara, a graduate in law and married to Claud Botts, a successful businessman of Union City. The



Botts had a son and a daughter, both married; Ruth, who married Spencer Malloy, deceased, and they have one son who is a graduate of the University of Knoxville; Carmen, and another daughter, . . . . .

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BIRD, JOHN ABRAM

(23 Jan. 1866-11 May 1943) who married Iva Emily Donnell (20 June 1868-30 July 1958) of Jefferson City, Missouri, and had five children:

A son who died at birth.

William Donnell (6 Apr. 1892- . . . . .) married Gertrude Asel (1 Jan. 1897- . . . . .) of Jefferson City, Missouri. They live in Mississippi County, Missouri, and have: William Donnell Junior (19 Sept. 1923- . . . . .) who married Nancy Searce Johnston (1 Aug. 1927- . . . . .) of Platte City, Missouri, and had Laurie Susan (14 Apr. 1951- . . . . .) and William Donnell III (4 Oct. 1954- . . . . .).

Lucy Lillian (29 Sept. 1897-1 June 1898). John Thomas (13 Apr. 1899- . . . . .) who married Edith Naomi Webb (2 Mar. 1901- . . . . .) of East Prairie, Missouri; they have two children, John Thomas Junior (20 July 1919- . . . . .) and Martha Webb (11 Sept. 1920- . . . . .).

Nellie Samonia "Kitty" (1 Oct. 1903- . . . . .) who is a teacher at Farmington.

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BIRD, ABRAHAM THOMPSON

(23 Dec. 1867-11 Oct. 1947) He was the son of Stephen and Allie Hunter Bird. He married Ella Edmundson (. . Oct. 1877-Sikeston, Missouri 12 Sept. 1900) a daughter of John Edmundson of Sikeston, Missouri. They had two daughters:

Ella (17 Sept. 1898-3 Dec. 1946) who 12 August 1923 married A. M. Houser (. . . . . -17 Mar. 1951). He is buried at Bird's Point, Missouri. Ella is survived by two or three children.

Lucy (31 Jan. 1900-. . . . .) never married and lives near Alfalfa Center in Mississippi County, Missouri. She is in possession of valuable old historical documents and papers of her great great grandfather and great grandfather.

## BIRD MISCELLANEA

Quote from a Court Decree in Mississippi County Mo. in 1846 and deed to land sold under said Decree Recorded in Book on pages 217 to 220 inclusive - Recorder's Office Mississippi County Mo. Oct. 27, 1847:

"Abraham Bird at the time of his death left the following children his heirs to wit Abraham Bird, John Bird, Mary Vail late Mary Bird inter-married with Samuel Vail, William Bird who has

since died leaving his widow Nancy who has since married . . . . Dawson and two children Delia George late Delia Bird intermarried with William George, and Thompson Bird who has since died leaving 2 children to wit - Mary I. Horrell late Mary I. Bird married to Benjamin M. Horrell and Abraham Bird." The last named Abraham Bird was known as Abraham Thompson Bird or A. T. Bird and married Julia Von Phul."

Miss Adelia Laycock of Baton Rouge, La. is a descendant of Adelia Bird daughter of William Bird. Adelia Bird married William George. I do not know who Thompson Bird, the son of William Bird, married; may have been Mary Bowie as was stated.

I personally knew Abram Thompson Bird who married a Von Phul and some years ago acquired the place he bought of Jefferson K. Clark where he lived in the County of St. Louis, Missouri. I was quite closely connected in 1889 to 1893 with his brother-in-law Benj. Von Phul.

I also personally knew Mary I. Bird who married Benjamin Horrell--she was born in 1822, died in Cape Girardeau in 1911 and is buried in the Lorimier Cemetery in Cape Girardeau; a marker is at the grave.

On August 15th 1896 Stephen Bird son of John Bird and grandson of Abraham Bird, Sr. certified to the Manhattan Life Insurance Co. that Julia L. Bird was the wife of Abraham T. Bird and names



children of Abram T. Bird and Julia L. Bird.

Thompson Bird, the son of William Thompson Bird and Nancy Byrd, I am sure had a son John Bird who died young. As evidence I quote from Scott County, Missouri, records:

"Scott County Court November Term 1842 Monday the 21st day of the month Estate of John Bird, Deceased:

"Upon petition of the heirs of said deceased it is ordered by the court that distribution of the property of said deceased be made amongst the heirs of said deceased and that Joseph Dyson, William Swank and James King be appointed to partition of the slaves and other personal property of said deceased, Benjamin Horrell and Mary Horrell, late Mary Bird, and Abraham Bird heirs of said deceased and that they make report of these proceedings to the next term of this Court.

"I, Felix G. Allen, Clerk of said County Court do certify the foregoing to be a true copy from the Records of said Court given under my hand and seal of said Court the 1st day of Dec. 1842.

FELIX G. ALLEN, Clerk"

I have records of the descendants of Thompson Bird and none of Abraham Bird, sons of Abraham Bird Senior. Thompson Bird above referred to married a daughter of Stephen Bird of Cape Girardeau County, Missouri. The Abraham Bird above referred to left as his widow at the

time of his death, Polly Bird. My authority is the following:

"Know all men that I, Polly Bird, widow of Abraham Bird, deceased of the County of Scott and State of Missouri do make and appoint Thompson Bird of the County and State aforesaid my attorney for me and in my name and to my use to demand sue for and receive of any person or persons all debts dues and demands whatsoever either real or personal which are due and owing or of right belonging unto me at this time in the State of Louisiana and Parish of East Baton Rouge and to receive all money that my former Attorney William Bird deceased has collected and also all negro heirs which is coming to me and to use all lawful means for the recovery thereof and to compound and agree for same and do all other acts concerning the premises as fully in every respect as I myself could do if personally present. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 10th day of February in the year of our Lord 1831.

"Dated and delivered in presence of us:

JOHN BIRD

AMOS BYRD

POLLY <sup>My</sup>  
X BIRD"  
mark

This power of Attorney was recorded in Scott County, Mo., on February 12th, 1831. It was recorded in State of Louisiana, Parish of East Baton Rouge, in current Register No. 2 at Fol. 65, March 15th, 1831.

I called attention to the grave of William Bird, son of Abraham Bird and Elizabeth Bird, born in 1805 as shown on the tombstone in the Bird Cemetery on the Bird Plantation in Mississippi County, Missouri.

The following was taken from the family Bible of John Bird, son of Abraham Bird, Sr., and his wife Ingabo or Ingabow Bird, daughter of Abraham Byrd of Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

"John Bird was born on 26th of November 1795. Died on the 20th of September 1868 at 9 A. M.

"Ingabow Byrd was born the 30th of November 1807. Died on 17th of April 1864 five minutes before 11 o'clock P. M."

The following children were born of this union and recorded in the Bible above mentioned:

1. "Betsy Bird was born March 29th 1825.
2. Abraham Bird was born the 3rd day of October 1827.
3. Thompson Bird was born the 26th day of December 1828. Died December 22nd 1888.
4. William Bird was born . . . . . day of December 1830. (On tombstone died Sept. 12, 1871).
5. John Bird, born on the 1st day of March 1834.
6. Stephen Bird was born on the 27th day of January 1836. He married Allie Hunter Feb. 28, 1867. After her death he married Amanda Hunter.

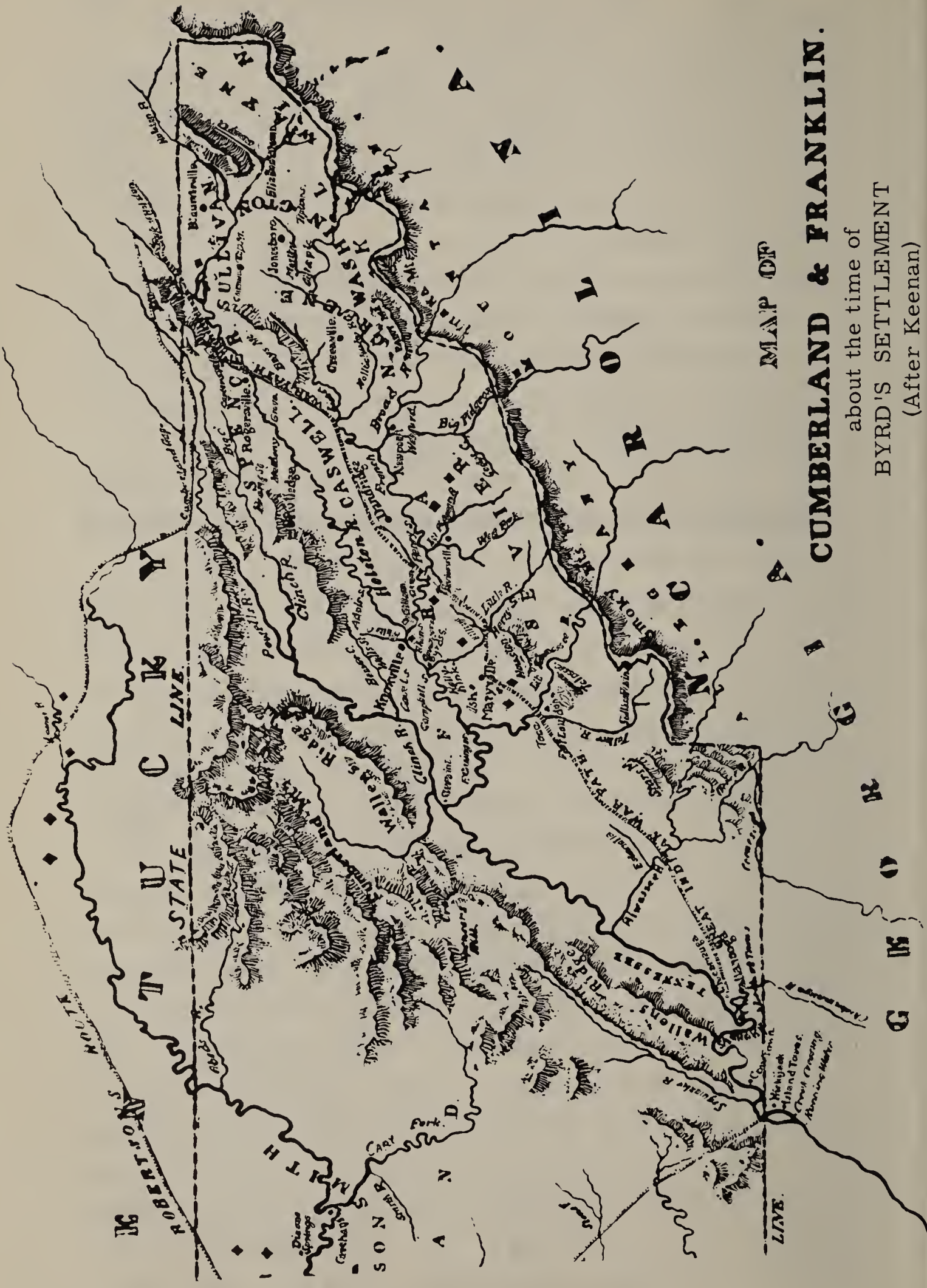


7. Mary Eliza Bird was born on the 26 January 1838. (Died in 1861 or 1862 at Tiptonville, Tennessee).
8. Nancy Emily Bird was born the 16th of November 1840. Married Ben F. Hunter of Scott County, Missouri.
9. James Bird was born the 29th of November 1842.
10. Thomas Bird was born 29th December 1845. Died 31st of December 1866.
11. Clarise or Clara Bird born April 24th 1849. Married Dr. Thomas J. Edwards of Union City, Tennessee.
12. Andrew Bird was born 17th March 1852!"

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Ed. M. (who married Patsy . . . . . and had Patrick Marion, Lee Edmund, and Karen); Jennie Lane who married Oliver B. French and had Oliver B. Junior (who married . . . . . Green and had Oliver III, Joe Hunter, and Teresa), Frank Sikes, (who became a doctor and married Virginia Foley and had Frank Sikes Junior and Whitney), Robert Richey (who married Julia Hartsfield and had Robert Richey Junior), and Don, unmarried; E. Riley who married Judith Wilkinson and had Riley Junior (who married and had Riley III, Mollie, and Laurie), Rebecca B. (who married Robert Foley and had Linda, Christie, and Dean), John L. (who married Sandra . . . . . and had Jane Ellen, and Dick (who married Karen Ellis); E. Lindsay Junior who married Thelma Hunter and had E. Lindsay III and Stephen Hunter, both unmarried.



MAP OF

**CUMBERLAND & FRANKLIN.**

about the time of  
BYRD'S SETTLEMENT  
(After Keenan)



## Chapter Ten

### THE BYRD FAMILY

Byrd Family in America is traced definitely to Amos Byrd (1737 - 1818) who is supposed to have possible connections with an Andrew Byrd residing in North Carolina in the early 1700s.

Miss Adelia Bird Laycock reports an interview with Mr. Eugene Bean, historian of Salisbury, North Carolina, on 28 February 1942 as follows:

"Mr. Eugene Bean says that most of the settlers west of the Yadkin were Germans of Scot-Irish who came into North Carolina by way of Virginia. One family, Bird, was living in Salisbury early. There was a colonial officer who may have been the progenitor of the family; he was born in 1690.

"The first man of the name known to be the progenitor of the family was Amos Bird. His name is on a petition to divide Rowan County, North Carolina, alleging that the signers live 140 miles from the county seat and that attending court was a hardship. The signers of the petition lived on the headwaters of the Yadkin and Cotawba rivers and three creeks



which places them definitely on the east side of the Blue Ridge Mountains. The petition is not dated, but is addressed to Governor Martin, the last Royal Governor of North Carolina, so must have been between 1770 and 1776. Their request was granted. Not long after that Amos Bird crossed the mountains for his name appears as a witness to a lease of land to the Indians."

Ramsey's Annals of Tennessee, page 110 says:

"A Deed of Conveyance from Jacob Brown to Richard Trovillion, witness Amos Bird."  
"Dated 1772, said to be the first legal paper of Tennessee history extant. In August 1783 Greene County was cut off from Washington County, both a part of North Carolina, now part of Tennessee. Amos Bird was one of the first Justices of the Peace in Green County."

The name of Amos Bird's wife appears in an early deed in Washington County.

## BYRD, AMOS

Amos Byrd is a supposed son of Andrew Byrd residing in North Carolina in early 1700s, but positive proof is lacking. Born in territory claimed by both Virginia and North Carolina in 1737; died June 5, 1818 and is buried on Penny or Byrd farm six miles west of Cape Girardeau by the side of his wife who preceded him. He was reared in the Watauga Valley. He took as wife, Sarah Ruddle (or Sarah Sevier; a grandson Sevier Byrd says his name came from family of

his grandmother).

Amos and Sarah Byrd had five sons and three daughters: Stephen; John; Abraham; Moses; Amos; Mary; Clara, who married James Russell; and Sallie, who married George Hays, son of Christopher Hays.

The family moved to Virginia in 1773. Amos and his son, John, went to Montgomery County, Tennessee, in 1780 where they bought property on the Holston River six miles southwest of Knoxville where they later established Byrd's "Station" or "Fort." Byrd's "Fort" was not far removed from Gillispie's "Fort" and thus it was that three of Byrd's sons married daughters of the Gillispie family.

Early reference to the family in Tennessee is found in W. P. Titus' Picturesque Clarksville, page 146:

"Prominent Citizens at that time (1784) were John Montgomery, Martin Armstrong, Amos Bird and others . . . ."

In 1778 Amos Byrd served on a Washington County Grand Jury. In 1783 when Greene County was organized by a second splitting of Washington County he was one of the first County Magistrates.

Though land transfers as late as 1809 are recorded in Tennessee, it is reported that he, with his wife, sons, daughters, and other connections, moved to the Spanish Country, landing

in Cape Girardeau in 1799. In the spring of 1800 the Byrd's, having obtained grants of land from the Spanish government, settled near Jackson on Byrd's Creek, Little Byrd Creek, and Cane Creek in Byrd Township, Cape Girardeau County.

On many later documents Amos Byrd would record, "I Amos Byrd of Cape Girardeau District of Upper Louisiana, but formerly of Montgomery County, Tennessee . . ."

History of Southeast Missouri (Goodspeed Publishing Company, 1888) pages 276-277 comments thus: "The Byrds were another large and influential family among the pioneers of Cape Girardeau District. Amos Byrd, the head of the family was born in North Carolina, in 1737, and resided in that State until several years after his marriage. He then, after a short residence in Virginia, emigrated with his family to Tennessee, then Washington County, N. C. He first located in the territory which, in 1783, was organized into Greene County, and was a member of the first county court. Three or four years later, with his family, he passed on down the valley of East Tennessee, and built a fort or "station" on the frontier of Knox County. There the family remained until near the close of the century, participating in all the stirring events of the most exciting period in the history of Tennessee. Among their nearest neighbors at this time were the Gillispies, whose station was only a few miles away. An intimacy natur-



"The most prominent members of the family were Abraham and Stephen. The latter was a member of the first territorial assembly, and also of the constitutional convention of 1820. Abraham was a member of the State Legislature several times, and in 1836 was a presidential elector. . . ."

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# LAND GRANT TO AMOS BYRD

"Know ye that we have granted unto AMOS BYRD four hundred acres of land in Green County on the North side of Chuckey River. Beginning near the Bend of said River at a Bluff of Rocks on a stake thence North thirty eight

poles to a stake at the foot of a mountain then north fifty four west fifty five poles, along the foot of said Mountain to a state then North one hundred and thirty two poles to a white Oak and hickory to William Whites line then West back to the Beginning, thence, down the river including the meanders of said River to a hoop Ash tree near the Bank of the River then North one hundred and sixteen poles to a red Oak on William Whites line thence thence South fifty seven east three hundred and seventyfive poles to the beginning.

"To hold to the said AMOS BYRD; his Heirs and assigns forever. Dated 1st day of November, 1786.

A copy Wm. Hill, Sect.  
Warrant No. 156

RD. CASWELL

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## LAND TRANSACTIONS INVOLVING BYRDS

LAND RECORD BOOKS: 1785-1796; 1796-1820.  
Clarksville, Montgomery County, Tennessee.

Compiled by Stephen B. Hunter, April 4, 1946

### Grantee:

BIRD, AMOS: R. Nelson and others, page 2.  
: Benj. Hawkins, page 3, Book B.  
BIRD, JOHN: H. F. Bell, page 513.  
BYRD, JOHN C: (Book S, Letter B- 1840) p.421

### Grantor:

BIRD, AMOS: to James Baxter, p. 11 & 26, Bk D  
BIRD, AMOS: by his attorney to Humphrey, p.  
454, 554, 578.

BIRD, AMOS: page 599, Book B. 2C.

BIRD, AMOS: page 663, Book B. 2C.

(From Record Book I; 1809-1820)

BIRD, AMOS: page 92.

BIRD, AMOS: page 1052.

BIRD, AMOS: page 644, Book K.

Deed by Amos Byrd (Bird) on page 664:

"This indenture made this 15th day of March 1809 between AMOS BIRD formerly of Montgomery County and State of Tennessee but now of the Territory of the Upper Louisiana and Louisi Ann Duvall of the town of Clarksville and State of Tennessee ..."

LAND GRANTS: AMOS, JOSEPH & JOHN BYRD

State of North Carolina, No. 1130:

"Know ye that we have granted unto AMOS BIRD three hundred acres of land in Green County on the North side of Nolichucky River including his improvement. Beginning at a stake then west one hundred poles to a Locust marked by Isaac Taylor on the River Bank then up the River including the different Courses thereof of five hundred and twenty nine poles to a Black Oak on the Bank thence North thirty poles to a stake then North thirty west thirty poles to a stake then a direct line to the Beginning. To Hold to the said AMOS BYRD his heirs and assigns forever. Dated the 12th day of January 1793."

RICHARD DOBBS SPAIGHT



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AMOS BYRD

I GLADGOW Sec

Surveyed by Adam Meek

a copy Wm HILL Sec

Warrant No. 155

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### LAND GRANT TO JOHN BYRD

State of North Carolina, No. 723:

"John Byrd.....Grant 100 acres in Green  
County on North side French Broad River.....  
11th July 1788."

Warrant No. 719

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### LAND GRANT TO JOSEPH BYRD

State of North Carolina, No. 899:

"Granted unto Joseph Bird 300 acres County  
of Green on South side of Noleychuckey River..  
said Joseph Bird.....Dated the 26th day of  
Dec'm 1791."

Warrant No. 818

ALEK MARTIN

Surveyed by I. Taylor

Jesse Bird and M. Beetch  
chain carriers."

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Record Book A, Probate Office, Montgomery  
County, 1797-1810:

BIRD, A.: to Arch Roan, Gov., page 168.

"Know all men by these presents that we  
Amos Bird, Duncan Stewart, and John Stewart,  
all of the county of Montgomery and State of  
Tennessee are held and firmly bound unto his



in an area are lost; or the name becomes extinct.

A man by the name of Adolphus Byrd, an attorney, was in Jefferson County and at one time probably in Ste. Genevieve County. Years ago there were Byrdfamilies in Washington County, Missouri, and in Jefferson County, and also in Hannibal.

These are likely descendants of the Birds of Cape Girardeau County, Missouri, who moved to Louisiana, but we have not proof of it. S. B. H.

NOTE:--We, Stephen B. Hunter and Mary Medley Hunter, his wife, have for a number of years been visiting the states of Tennessee, North Carolina, and Virginia. We have diligently searched for the name of Amos Byrd. Our first finding was in East Tennessee. Amos Byrd purchased land on the Nollichucky River, locally called Chucky River. A deed of record made when he sold land on the Nollichucky River is signed by Amos Byrd and his wife, Sarah; the signature of Sarah being by her mark (X).

There are numerous land transactions by Amos Byrd or Bird, giving ample evidence of his presence in what is now east Tennessee. Records in Salisbury, North Carolina, show that Amos Byrd was one of the petitioners for a new county. The petition was favorably acted upon and records Amos Byrd as one of the magistrates of the new county.



We found that Amos Byrd left east Tennessee and went to Montgomery County, Tennessee, as evidenced by documents and deeds recorded in the latter county.

Picturesque Clarksville by W. P. Titus says that Amos Byrd was one of the foremost citizens of Clarksville, Tennessee, in Montgomery County.

We read histories by the score, hundreds of probate and will records; talked to many people including a Mr. Williams of Johnson City, Judge of the Tennessee Supreme Court and writer of histories of east Tennessee, but we have not been able to determine Amos Byrd's birthplace or the name of his father, or the family name of his mother.

We do not say the father of Amos Byrd was not named "Andrew" but we do say that Andrew Bird born in Calvert County, Maryland, who moved to Orange County, Virginia, and later to Augusta County, Virginia, and who died in 1750 and whose estate was administered by his widow, Magdaline, and his oldest son, Andrew, was not the founder of Byrd's "Station" near Knoxville, who was later in Montgomery County, Tennessee, and came to what is now Missouri and located near Jackson.

Who was the father of Amos Byrd of Green County? Where did he live? Where and when did he die? We do not know. We are as interested and anxious as anyone to have answers,

with supporting proof, to these questions.

Today in east Tennessee, west North Carolina, and south and southwest Virginia live many persons named Byrd and Bird, or descended from persons of that name, but we could find no one who could answer these questions and give documentary proof.

We sincerely hope further search will provide the answers. S. B. H. & M. M. H.

According to the best records available at this date Amos Byrd and his wife, Sarah Ruddle (or Sevier) had the following children:

Stephen (1)

John (2)

Abraham (3)

Amos Junior (4)

Moses (5)

Mary "Polly" who married William Russell.

Clarissa who married James Russell.

Sarah "Sally" (8)

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BYRD, STEPHEN

Stephen Byrd, the son of Amos, married Mary "Polly" Gillispie of Gillispie's Fort in Tennessee. A member of the militia from Hawkins County, North Carolina, a colonel in the Black Hawk War, and a member of the constitutional convention that framed the first constitution for

the state of Missouri indicates an active citizen. Stephen resided in Knox County in 1792.

Children in the family were:

Elizabeth.

Eliza; married Thompson Bird of Bird's Plantation.

Mary.

Serena; married John Campbell.

Sallie

William

James

John

Amos

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BYRD, JOHN ( . . . . -1866)

John Byrd, the second son of Amos, married Ann Gillispie of Gillispie's Fort, Tennessee. He bought property in Montgomery County, Tennessee, where an inventory of 1815 is on file. He built the first distillery on Byrd's Creek and also operated a blacksmith shop.

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BYRD, ABRAHAM

Abraham Byrd, third son of Amos, married in 1799 Elizabeth, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. William Gillispie of Gillispie's Fort, Tennessee, a prominent Scotch Presbyterian family. He participated in the Indian Wars of Tennessee and was a captain in the Jefferson Troops sta-





fee simple to Him the said John Rusher his Heirs, and assigns, and the same unto him his heirs, and assigns, I for myself and my Heirs against the lawful claims of all Persons whatever do hereby and will ever Warrant and defend. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & Seal at Cape Girardeau this Twenty Fourth day of February 1807, (seven)

B. COUSINE:::Test.

L. LORIMIER (Seal)

Bill of Sale from Louis Lorimier to  
John Rusher for Lot No. 5 Rge. D  
Received the 3rd march 1807 in Libr.  
E F B no A.

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District of Cape Girardeau Be it remembered that on the third day of March in the year of our lord one thousand eight hundred and seven Personally appeared before me the subscriber one of the Justices of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the said district, Bartholomew Cousin the within subscribing witness who made oath according to law, that he and the within grantor Louis Lorimier sign seal and deliver the within instrument of writing as his act and deed, In testimony whereof and to the intent the same may be recorded I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year above written. —

CHRISTOFOR HAYS





Amos (31)  
William Gillispie (32)  
Ingabo; married John Bird (Bird 21254)  
Mary (34)  
Nancy; married Edward Kelso.  
Stephen (36)  
Sabina; married John Alton.  
Clarissa; married Thomas Horrell.  
Emily; married John F. Martin.  
Two other children died young.

HH

I Abraham Byrd of the County of Cape Girardeau and State of Missouri considering the uncertainty of life and being of sound and disposing mind blessed by the Almightie God for the same do make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form as follows that is to say,

First I give unto my beloved wife Elizabeth Byrd and Stephen Byrd my son the plantation that I now live on which is about five hundred and forty acres, my beloved wife is to have her maintainance from the said land, and at her deth the before stated land is to belong to my afore-said son Stephen Byrd and his heirs forever, by

the said Stephen Byrd giving unto my Grand son Benjamin Alton one hundred and sixty acres of land wherever the said Stephen may choose and also I give unto my said wife Elizabeth one mare Mariah and all of the house hold furniture absolute.

I give and bequeath unto my said beloved wife Elizabeth Byrd two slaves Wilson and whatever one of the women she may choose to have and to hold dureing her natural life

I give and bequeath to my Grand son Benjamin Alton one of my slaves to be a boy not less than nine years of age absolute and forever

It is my will that the rest of my Slaves be equally Divided amongst all of my children, that is, Ingabow Bird, Polly Horrell, Nancy Powell, Stephen Byrd, Clarissa Horrell and Emily Martin, after the said Stephen accounts for nine hundred dollars which sum is to be taken from his interest in said Slaves.

It is my will if there should be any debts come against my Estate they are to be paid for our of the Slaves on hand before they are Divided.

It is my will that John Bird who married my Daughter Ingabow to have one third of three hundred and twenty acres of land lying in Mississippi County Missouri, in Section thirty three, Township twenty seven North Range 17 East and also two hundred & sixty nine acres more or

less being the piece of Land that I the said Abraham Byrd purchased of Thomas Johnson said land was confirmed to John Byrd under Cooper in Township 32. N. of Range 12 East and also thirty nine acres and sixty seven hundredths of an acre being the N. W. frl. qr. of S. 27 T. 32 N. R. 12 E., absolute and for ever.

I give to James A. Powel who intermarried with my Daughter Nancy one hundred and thirty five acres and thirty five hundredths of an acre being the S. W. frl. qr. of S. 22 in Township 32 N. of Range 12 E. and also seventy seven acres and sixty hundredths of an acre being the S. E. qr. of the N. W. frl. qr. and the S. W. frl. qr. of frl. Section 21, Township 32 N. of Range 12 East, absolute and forever

I give to my Grandson Benjamin Alton eighty acres of Land being the East half of the North E. qr. of frl. Section 22 in Township 32 No. of Range 12 E. absolute and forever.

It is my will that the tract of Land lying south of the Walker tract and west of lands owned by Jesse Criddle formially belonging to the heirs of Stephen Byrd be sold by my said Heirs and proceeds to be Divided as follows to my Grand son Benjamin Alton the sum of four hundred dollars and the remainder to be equally Divided among all my aforesaid named heirs except my son Stephen Byrd.

It is my will that all my horses be equally Divided amongst my said heirs as they may a-



gree, that is Stephen Byrd, John Bird, Wm. W. Horrell, James A. Powel, Thomas Horrell and John F. Martin.

I do hereby nominate and appoint my son Stephen Byrd my Executor to Execute this my last will and testament to sue and be sued to plead and be pleaded in all courts of Record and in all cases whatsoever to collect all my just debts in all cases as I could do were I present and alive in all respects whatever in the business of my Estate according to the intent Meaning of this my last will and testament. My Executor is to have this my will Recorded. there is to be no publick sale no letters of Administration unless it be thought best by my Executor who is to execute this my last will and testament according to what I have stated above as I do hereby revoke all former wills by me made.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this the twenty fourth day of November eighteen hundred and fifty six.

Witness

s/JOHN I. TURNBAUGH      s/ABRAHAM BYRD  
S/T. B. TURNBAUGH

Recordbook C of Wills and Letters, p. 248/249.

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State of Missouri, County of Cape Girardeau. SS.  
In vacation of the County Court of said County,  
Be it remembered that on this 29th day of June

AD 1857 personally appeared before the undersigned Jacob Gobler, Clerk of the County Court within and for said County: John I. Turnbaugh and Thomas B. Turnbaugh, the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing will of Abraham Byrd, and being by me first duly sworn, depose and say, that the said Abraham Byrd, testator, declared in their presence that he had subscribed the same, and published the said will or instrument of writing as his last will, that he the said testator was, at the time of publishing his said will, of sound mind and more than twenty one years of age, and that they the said deponents, attested the said will as witnesses thereto, by subscribing their names to the same in the presence of said testator -

s/JOHN I. TURNBAUGH  
s/T. B. TURNBAUGH

In witness whereof I Jacob Gobler  
Clerk of the County Court of Cape Girardeau  
County, State of Missouri, have hereunto subscribed my name and set my official seal at office in the Town of; Jackson in said County the date herebefore written.

(Seal) s/JACOB GOBLER, Clk. Co. Ct.

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State of Missouri, County of Cape Girardeau. SS.

I, Jacob Gobler, Clerk of the County Court within and for said County, do hereby certify that the foregoing proof is by me held sufficient





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To Don Charles Dehault De Lassus,  
Lieutenant Colonel of the armies of  
H. M. and Lieutenant Governor of the  
Upper Louisiana--

If you will please grant the quantity of ground which you might judge sufficient for the construction and development of said mill, thus the suppliant hopes to obtain of you justice and the disposition which you may manifest to encourage the venture.

Cape Girardeau, January 13, 1800.

Signed: ABRAHAM BYRD

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Sir---

We, Commander De Poste in Cape Girardeau, have the honor to inform the Lieutenant Governor that the construction of a good Flour Mill in this locality will tend to encourage the farmers; that the applicant having sufficient means to execute this enterprise, shall merit, in due time, the concession of the land he solicits, that it will cause no prejudice to anyone in the Domain of His Majesty.

Cape Girardeau, January 14, 1800

Signed: L. LORIMIER.

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St. Louis of Illinois, January 24, 1800

In virtue of the preceding statement of Don Luis Lorimier, Commander of the Post of Cape Girardeau, which states that the applicant pretends to build on the stated site a Flour Mill, an establishment of the greatest public utility, and as the applicant possesses sufficient means to enrichen the locality within the term reglemented by the Governor General of this Province, the Surveyor, Don Antonio Soulard, will place in his possession two hundred and fifty acres of surface land in the site, and if after having built the mill its utility is recognized by the Commander, the applicant

Signed: CARLOS DEHAULT DELASSUS.

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Amos Junior, son of Amos, married Ann Gilispie and had the following children:

Elizabeth, who married George Cochran.

John

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Moses Byrd, son of Amos, married and had the following children:

# Amos

John

# Abraham

# Adolphus

Polly, who married John McLain.

Sallie, who married Joseph Brown.

Patsy, who married John Minton.

Edith, who married . . . . . Foster.



BYRD, SARAH "SALLY"

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GEORGE HAYS AND SARAH BYRD

Present Le feuw George Hays, fil de Christopher Hays & Eve Hays de ce ports d'une pait & Sarah Byrd, fille de Amos Byrd equalement habitants de ce poste, d'autre part Leo quels desirant 'unin ensemble par les Luns du mariage m'nt prie de Reservoir Leur for mutuelle surquoi (n'yayant) point de Pritre dans L'entendue de ce Poste) apres m'etre preablement assure du consentment de Leur parents promesses mutuelle en verta de 'Saquelle ils se sont ver'es L'un a L'autre ine fidelite inviolable at ous Promis de Remplir toute Leur vie L'un enfre L'autre tous Les devoirs de L'union conjugale. A 'engagesent 'a Ratified Jeur aliande a La face de L'englise et 'a Recevoir Le Sacrament de marriage de La maines du Pas-

teurs Legitimes des que els Sir a en Leur Pou-  
voir ou que il n'ser out requise En for du que  
vi les dites Parties out Signes Les present acte  
apres Lecture faite ce dit jour et an que dissus  
en presence des Temoins sourin 'us et demoi  
commandant su dit.

GEORGE HAYS  
SALLY BYRD

JOSEPH YOUNG, POLLEY BYRD  
ABRAHAM BYRD, L. LORIMIER  
STEPHEN BYRD, JOHN HAYS

sa

ELIZABETH (X) BYRD  
marque

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Received and recorded the 22nd day of Oc-  
tober, 1805.

Examined pr. me E. Wo. F. BOND, Rec'r.

Recorder's Office

State of Missouri

City of Jackson, County Seat of  
Cape Girardeau County

I, E. W. Hink, Recorder, in and for Cape G i -  
rardeau, Missouri, hereby certify that the above  
instrument, or document appears on Page 64  
and in Book A & B of the Records in aforesaid  
County and State.

Your Recorder however does not attempt to  
certify as to the Trueness or correctness, or  
even the exactness of such copy, because of the





Sophia, who died of cholera.

Nancy, who married Joseph "Young Joe" Hunter (Hunter 31).

Rebecca, who married Johnson Camp Ranney and had William Thomas, Johnson, Lizzie, Gayle, and Rebecca who married Herbert Holmes of Lewiston, Maine.

Gillispie; married Emily Cannon; the children were Berdie and Ernest.

Emily who married Stephen Campbell, son of Serena Byrd Campbell. They had one child, Rene or Cyrenia, who is now Mrs. J. W. McCombs of Jackson, Missouri.

Rachel Gayle who married Henderson Howard and had three children: Emma, who married Hunter Byrd (Byrd 363); Wilson; and Joe, now residing in Jackson, Missouri.

John A. "Jack" was one of the proprietors of Horrell-Byrd Flour Mills at Jackson, and a very good businessman. He was very pleasant and cheerful and quite popular in the community. He married Lucy Riley of New Madrid and had nine children with whom they moved to California: Orra Louise died young; Mary (... .. -14 Oct. 1957) who married Dr. Bruce Lemmons of Springfield, Missouri; William Amos; Hartz (died 1918); John Abram "Jumbo"; Mattie; Camden; Stephen Byrd; and Edwin Chillion.

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## BYRD, STEPHEN

Stephen Byrd, son of Abraham and grandson of Amos was born near Jackson, Missouri, June 20, 1815, and died January 15, 1866. On May 9, 1844, he married Nancy Isabella Moore (born December 22, 1826; died February 13, 1861)

To this couple were born:

Elizabeth "Betty" (361)

William (... ..-... ..) who served in the Confederate States Army. After the war he became a very prominent citizen of Cape Girardeau County, a successful businessman, and farmer who operated on a large scale. He married Mary "Mollie" Evans and had the following children: Mann who lives at Fayette, Missouri, is married and has children; Will who married ..... Vandiver of Columbia, Missouri; Ella, who married Dr. Dalton; Kate; and Dora.

The three sons lived in Texas in 1940.

Abraham Ruddle (363)

Edward (17 Nov. 1854 - ... ..) the youngest son, married Molly Beasley (24 Apr. 1879 - ... ..) and they and their children, one of whom is named Harold, live in Texas. Edward made a large fortune in the oil business.

Catherine

Clarissa

The sons of Stephen Byrd--Will, Ruddie, and Edward--were fine, highly respected, well known citizens and very successful in their business affairs.

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BYRD, ELIZABETH

Elizabeth Byrd, daughter of Stephen Byrd; She married John W. McCombs and had a son, Ruddie Monroe (3611). There was a prior stepson, John Will, who married Rene Campbell, and conducted a very successful business in Jackson until ill health forced him to dispose of it.

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BYRD, ABRAHAM RUDDLE

Abraham Ruddie, the son of Stephen Byrd, and Nancy Isabella Moore Byrd. He married Sally, daughter of Joseph Hunter of New Madrid. They had the following children:

Hunter, who married Emma Howard (See Byrd 34)(sister of Edward Howard who was killed in an elevator accident in the Bank of Commerce Building in St. Louis; he had married and had two daughters, Mary and Bess, who teach in St. Louis County) Hunter and Emma Howard Byrd had a daughter, Betty, an author of note whose work has appeared in The Saturday Evening Post and other publications.



Abraham

Carlisle

Edward

Elizabeth

Rose

Olga who married . . . . . McFarland.

Abraham Ruddle Byrd, a graduate of the University of Missouri, was for years one of the proprietors of the flour mills in Jackson. He with his family moved from Missouri to Texas and then to New Mexico.

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## MCCOMBS, RUDDLE MONROE

Ruddle Monroe McCombs, only son of J. W. and Elizabeth McCombs of Jackson, Missouri, and nephew of Will, Abraham Ruddle, and Edward Byrd. He married Emma Marie Boss of Jackson and they have a daughter, Helen, who married . . . . . Bright. Ruddle was a community leader and active worker in his church. For years he was associated with Horrell-Byrd Milling Company and later manager of the Cape County Milling Company.



## Chapter Eleven

### THE MEDLEY FAMILY

#### MEDLEY, JOHN CHRISOSTOM

(. . . . . - . . . . .) Of Maryland and a conscientious member of the Roman Catholic Church, married a Gatton and had children:

James (1)

Elizabeth

John

Tom

Sam

Gatton

Stephen

NOTE:- Chrisostom is a masculine name deriving from one of the Greek Fathers who was born in Antioch, Syria, about 345 A.D. He was a Bishop and well known for his eloquence. He later came to be called St. John Chrisostom.

M. M. H.

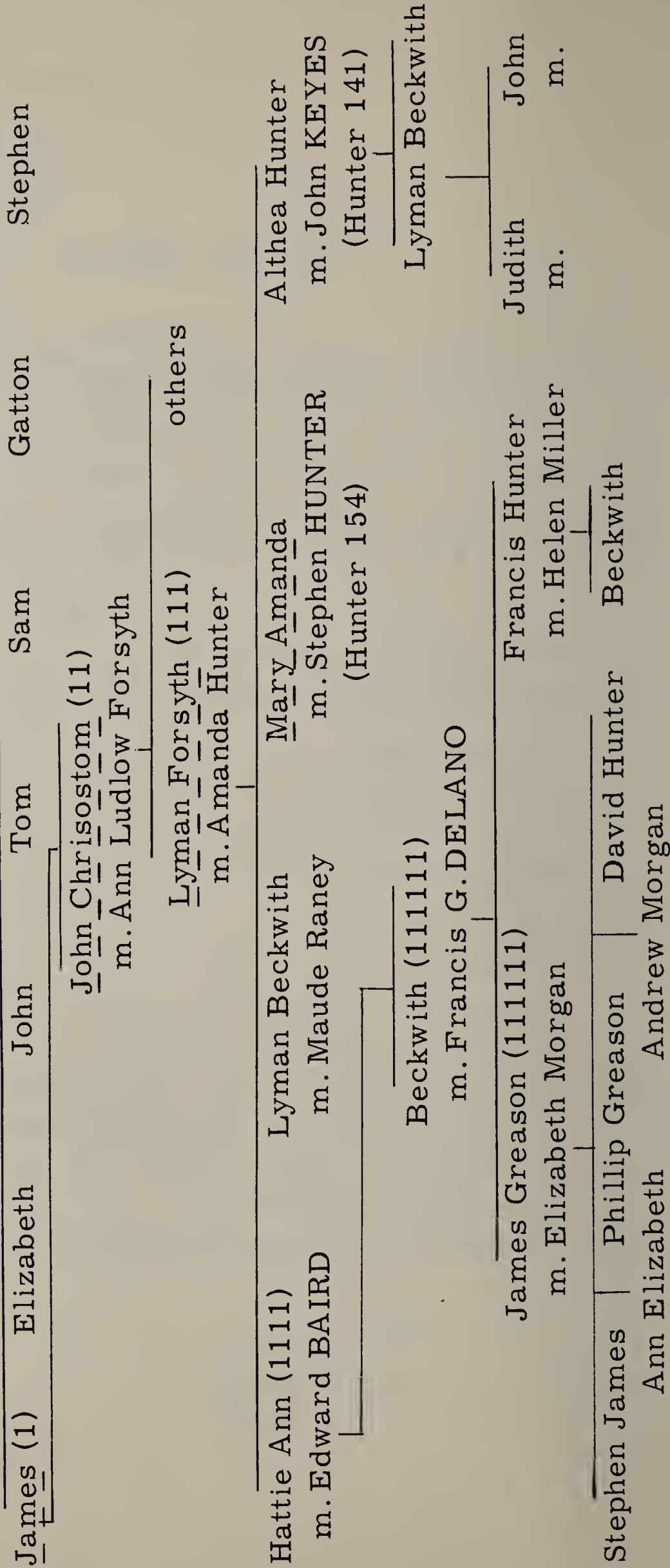
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#### MEDLEY, JAMES

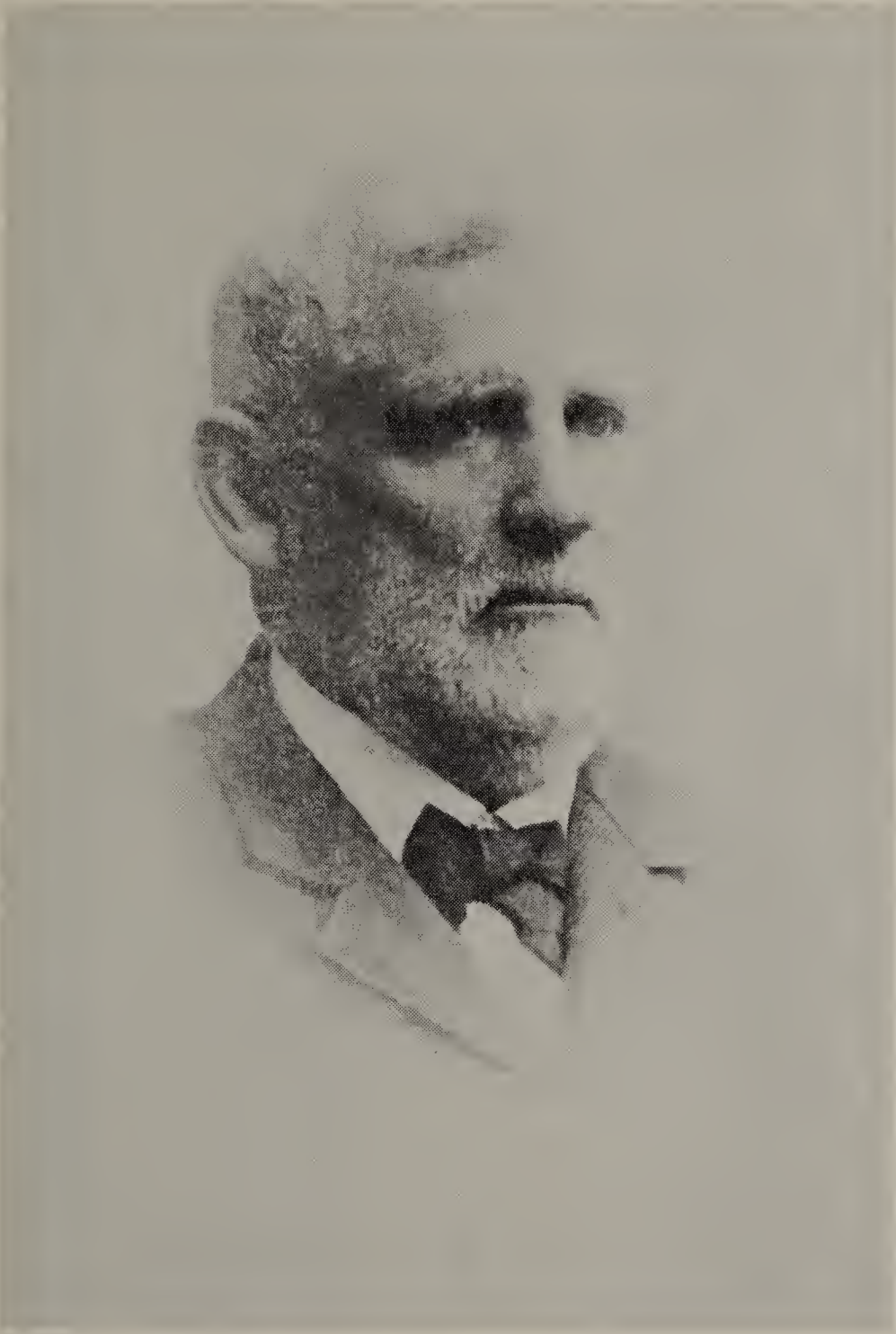
(. . . . . - . . . . .) James Medley

# THE MEDLEY FAMILY

JohnChrisostomMedley of Maryland  
 m.....Gatton







JOHN CHRISOSTOM MEDLEY  
of  
Medley's Landing, Missouri

a son of John Chrisostom Medley of Maryland who moved from Maryland to Washington County, Kentucky; then later to Mead County, Kentucky. He had children, including a son named John Chrisostom (11).

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## MEDLEY, JOHN CHRISOSTOM

(Bardstown, Kentucky .. . . .)

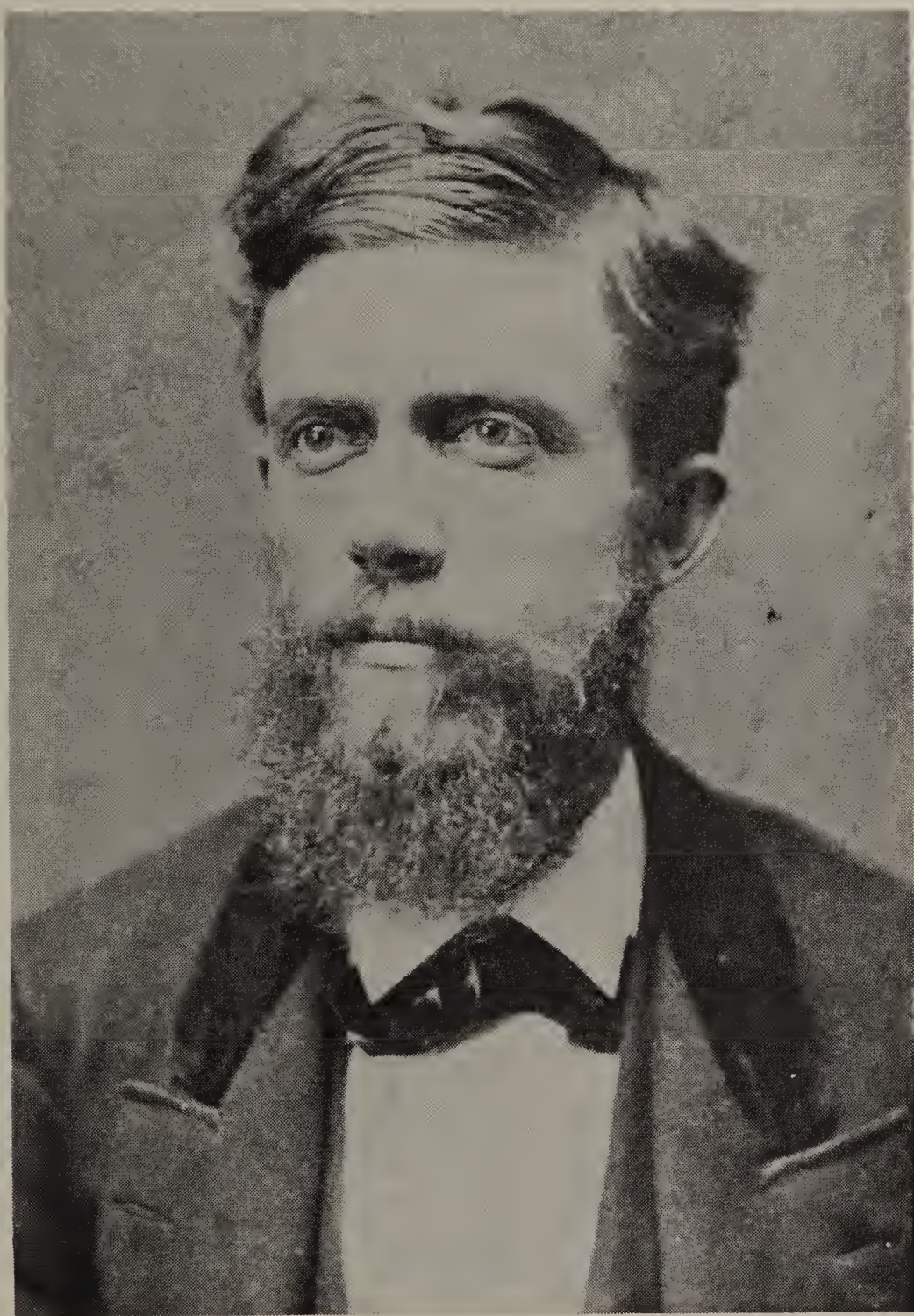
Son of James. He was educated in Bardstown, Kentucky, where he was reared by his grandfather, John C. Medley. He was married to Ann Ludlow Forsyth (11 Nov. 1843-30 Mar. 1881) and they had several children including Lyman Forsyth Medley. (From records in the Family Bible) He moved from Kentucky to Illinois and thence to Mississippi County, Missouri, giving the name Medley's Landing to a point opposite and south of the mouth of the Ohio River between Norfolk and Wolf Island. Here he operated a store and bought grain.

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## MEDLEY, LYMAN FORSYTH

(Bardstown, Kentucky 24 ... 1843-Piedmont, Missouri 30 Mar. 1881) Lyman Forsyth Medley one of several children, was the son of John C. and Judith Ann Ludlow Medley. He was educated in Kentucky and moved to Charleston, Missouri, where he studied law under Joseph C. Moore. He was admitted to the bar and later moved to Wayne County, Missouri, where he was elected to the





LYMAN FORSYTH MEDLEY

1843-1881



state legislature.

He opened the first store in Piedmont, Missouri, when the Iron Mountain Railroad was extended to that point about 1870. He continued this business for a long time.

On 6 December 1866 he married Amanda Hunter (Hunter 141)

Lyman Forsyth Medley, his wife, and his father and mother are buried in the Masonic Cemetery at Arcadia, Missouri.

The children of Lyman and Amanda Medley:

Hattie Ann (1111)

Lyman Beckwith married Maude Raney.

Mary Amanda who married Stephen B.

Hunter (Hunter 154)

Althea Hunter (Under Hunter 141)

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MEDLEY, HATTIE ANN

(. . . . . - . . . . .) She was the daughter of Lyman Forsyth and Amanda Hunter Medley. She married Edward Baird and had a daughter named Beckwith and other children (See Hunter 1411).

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BAIRD, BECKWITH

(2 July 1893-. . . . .) She was the daughter of Charles Edward and Hattie Ann Medley Baird. On 31 October 1912 she was married to

Major Francis Greason Delano (11 Feb. 1886-31 July 1937) of the United States Army Signal Corps, a son of Joseph Greason Delano (11 Nov. 1832-31 Oct. 1880) of Ironton, Missouri.

They have two sons:

James Greason (111111)

Francis Hunter (Charleston, Missouri 24 Nov. 1915-Leasburg, Florida 5 May 1943)  
On 2 July 1939 he married Helen Miller.  
He volunteered for aviation service in World War II and was killed in a flying accident at Leasburg, Florida. They had a daughter named Beckwith "Becky" (5 Sept. 1942-... ..).

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DELANO, JAMES GREASON

(West Point, New York 11 Sept. 1914-... ..  
...) He was the son of Francis Greason and Beckwith Baird Delano. James Greason is a graduate of Washington University Medical School and volunteered his services to the Naval Medical Corps during World War II. After the war he attended the University of Paris and later followed his specialty at the University of Pennsylvania Medical School.

On 4 September 1939 he married Elizabeth Morgan (Brookfield, Missouri 11 Sept. 1915-... ..) and had:

Stephen James (St. Louis, Missouri 7 Sept.

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1940- . . . . .)

Ann Elizabeth (St. Louis, Missouri 5 Jan.

1943- . . . . .)

# Phillip Greason (Jefferson City, Missouri)

28 Sept. 1944-. . . . .)

Andrew Morgan (Philadelphia, Pennsylvan-

17 Mar. 1948-.. .. .)

David Hunter (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania)

13 Oct. 1950-.. . . .)

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## Statement of

MRS. AMANDA HUNTER BECKWITH MEDLEY

"My brother, Underwood Beckwith, served with General Jeff Thompson in 1861 and 1862. He was made a prisoner and was confined in the "Gratio Street Prison" in St. Louis for several months. Afterward he was honorably discharged from the Confederate States Army.

"My grand uncle, Thomas Hunter, also served under General Jeff Thompson and was wounded at the Battle of Belmont. Later he went to Claiborne County, Mississippi.

"My uncle, Joseph Hunter, served in the Confederate Army as a member of the Second Missouri Cavalry Regiment. He served during the entire war and was never captured nor wounded.

"My uncle, Ben F. Hunter, a brother of Joseph Hunter, served in the Confederate Army under Jeff Thompson.



"My father, on account of his age and ill health, was not able to serve in the army, but in 1861 many of his slaves were driven away by the federal soldiers, because of his aiding and abetting the southern soldiers. The sudden warning of a friend enabled him to leave home between midnight and dawn. He took with him his wife and a five-day old baby and other children, and six or seven slaves. He returned home in the wake of General Pillow's army. On another occasion he and his family were compelled to leave the state, going to Arkansas, where he remained.

"My mother, sister and myself made clothes and knitted socks that my sister and I, eleven and thirteen years old respectively, carried for miles on mules through the woods to my brother, Underwood Beckwith, and the other soldiers in camp, who were being organized in Mississippi County, Missouri, to join General Jeff Thompson.

"In 1865, a girl of fifteen, I was ordered to report to Columbus, Kentucky, and take the oath of allegiance or be banished on account of having sung "The Bonnie Blue Flag" while waving the Confederate flag at a school commencement. Rather than take the oath I went to my grandfather, Abraham Hunter, of Scott County, Missouri, who had been forced to leave home and seek refuge within the Confederate lines in Claiborn County, Mississippi. I remained there two years.

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"I helped to nurse wounded soldiers at the home of my grand uncle, Milford Hunter, near Grand Gulf, Mississippi, after the fall of Vicksburg when Confederate soldiers were skirmishing through the country. I also knitted for them.

"After the Battle of Port Gibson, Mississippi, many wounded soldiers were brought to the plantation of my grand uncle, Milford Hunter, where they were nursed and cared for by his daughters and Mrs. Bowen, wife of General Bowen who was in command at Grand Gulf.

"Newman Beckwith, son of Marmaduke Beckwith and Sybel Ellzey Beckwith, married Judith Ann Neal, daughter of Richard and Frances Underwood Neal. They moved from Fairfax County, Virginia, to Southeast Missouri, in the spring of 1812. With them were their children and slaves. They settled in Mississippi County.

"Newman Beckwith, Abraham Hunter, and others were appointed by an act of the Legislature in 1821 to determine the seat of justice for Scott County, Missouri.

"Newman and Judith Ann Neal Beckwith had the following children:

1. Underwood, born in Fairfax County, Virginia; died in Mississippi County, Missouri, in 1856; unmarried.
2. Francis, born in Fairfax County, Virginia; died in Mississippi County, Missouri; unmarried.

3. Richard, born in Fairfax County, Virginia; died in Mississippi County, Missouri, in 1865; unmarried.
4. Sabina, born in Fairfax County, Virginia; died in Mississippi County, Missouri, in 1821; unmarried.
5. Mountaire, born in Fairfax County, Virginia; died in Mississippi County, Missouri in 1894; married; but had no children.
6. Barnes, born in Mississippi County, Missouri; died there in 1848; married Elizabeth Faulkner but had no issue.
7. Lucy, born in Fairfax County, Virginia; married James Hunter, son of Joseph and Catherine Phillips Hunter; left two children, Joseph and Catherine.
8. Quiros, born in Fairfax County, Virginia; died in 1862; married Susan Johnston; survived by two sons, Thomas Beckwith, who lived at Charleston, Missouri, and had two daughters; and a son, Quiros, who died in Mississippi County, Missouri, leaving two sons, Hardy and Elmo.
9. Marmaduke, born in Fairfax County, Virginia; lived in Mississippi County, Missouri, from 1812 to 1869 when he moved to Arcadia, Missouri, where he died and is buried. Marmaduke Beckwith married first B. Griffith and had two children, Underwood, born July 23, 1840, who married twice but died without issue; and Lucy Beckwith, born April 18, 1838, in Missis-



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ssippi County, her mother dying at the  
time of her birth. ...

Marmaduke Beckwith's second marriage was to Catherine Hunter Price, widow of Americus Price, and daughter of Abraham Hunter of Scott County, Missouri. The children of this second union were: Amanda Hunter Beckwith, born in Mississippi County, Missouri, August 28, 1847; Judith Ann Beckwith, born in Mississippi County, Missouri, June 20, 1849; Richard A. Beckwith, born 1851; died 1879; Thomas B. Beckwith, born in Mississippi County, Missouri, in 1859; died 1859; and Yancy, born in Mississippi County, Missouri, in 1861; died in 1870."

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## Statement of

MRS. MARY AMANDA MEDLEY HUNTER

"I am the daughter of Lyman Forsyth Medley who was born November 24, 1843, in Polk County, Illinois, and died March 30, 1831, at Piedmont, Missouri, and his wife, Amanda Hunter Beckwith who was born August 25, 1847, in Mississippi County, Missouri, and who lived in Piedmont, Missouri. The Medleys were married December 5, 1866, in Mississippi County, Missouri, as recorded in Book 2, p. 22 of Marriage Records of Mississippi County, Missouri.



MARY AMANDA MEDLEY HUNTER



"The said Amanda Hunter Beckwith is the daughter of Marmaduke Beckwith who was born January 10, 1806, in Fairfax County, Virginia, and died March 29, 1881, in Arcadia, Missouri; and his wife, Mrs. Catherine (Hunter) Price, born December 25, 1824, in Scott County, Missouri, and died March 27, 1885, in Piedmont, Missouri. Amanda and Marmaduke were married in October 1844 in Scott County, Missouri, as recorded in Book 1, p. 70 of Marriage Records of Scott County, Missouri.

"The said Marmaduke Beckwith was the son of Newman Beckwith, born October 14, 1767, in Fairfax County, Virginia, and died June 13, 1835, in Mississippi County, Missouri; and his wife, Judith Ann Neal, born May 30, 1775 in Westmoreland County, Virginia, and died December 7, 1830, in Mississippi County, Missouri. They were married in Virginia about 1790. Newman Beckwith and Judith Ann, his wife, made deeds in Mississippi County, Missouri, November 8, 1823. (From records in family Bible of Newman Beckwith and Deed Records of Mississippi County, Missouri, Book A, p. 3).

"The said Judith Ann Neale was the daughter of Richard Neale, born 1743 in Westmoreland County, Virginia; died in Loudon County, Virginia, in 18-- , and his wife, Frances Underwood, who was born in Virginia and died in Loudon County of that state in 179-. She was the daughter of Thomas Underwood and wife, Ann, of King George County, Virginia. About 1800 Richard



Neale married a second wife, Mrs. Mary (Nelson) Smith.

"The said Richard Neale was the son of Captain Presley Neale; born in Westmoreland County, Virginia; died in Fairfax County, Virginia, in 1749, and his wife, Margaret. His will recorded September 20, 1749, in Fairfax County, Virginia, names wife Margaret, children, Richard, and others; brother Christopher Neale. Will was probated in Fairfax County, Virginia, in 1775.

"The said Captain Presley Neale was the son of Daniel of Copal Parish, Westmoreland County, Virginia. He was born in Northumberland County, Virginia, July 26, 1673, according to the Register of St. Stephen's Parish, Northumberland County, Virginia. He died December 17, 1713 in Westmoreland County, Virginia. The will, probated December 19, 1713, in Westmoreland County, Virginia, mentions a son Presley and his wife, Ursula. (William and Mary Quarterly 18:175, and Westmoreland County, Virginia, Wills, Vol. I. William A. Crozier).

"The said Daniel Neale was the son of Christopher Neale of Northumberland County, Virginia.

"Newman Beckwith was born October 14, 1767, in Fairfax(!) County, Virginia; died June 18, 1835, in Mississippi County, Missouri. He was the son of Marmaduke and Sybel Ellzey Beckwith of Fairfax County, Virginia.



## Chapter Twelve

# THOMAS AND JENKIN PHILLIPS FAMILY

PHILLIPS, THOMAS

Little is known of the founder of the American line of Phillips except that he was born at sea in 1717, had a brother named Jenkin, a wife named Joanna . . . . ., and had children named Thomas, Milford, John, Catherine, and Jenkin.

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# WILL OF THOMAS PHILLIPS, SENIOR

IN THE NAME OF GOD, AMEN The seventh  
Day of October in the year of our Lord 1766 I  
Thomas Phillip Senior of Virginia Colony in  
Loudon County being very sick and weak in  
Body but of Perfect mind and Memory Thanks  
be Given unto God Therefore calling to mind  
the Mortality of my Body and knowing that it is  
Appointed for all Men once to Die Do make and  
Ordain this my Last Will and Testament that is  
to say Principally and first of all I give and  
Recommend my Soul into the hands of God that  
gave it and for my Body i Recommend it to the



Earth to be Buried in Christian like and Decent manner at the Discretion of my three Executors nothing Douting but at the General Resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty Power of God and as touching such worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to Bless me in this Life I give Devise and Dispose of the same in the following manner and Form it is my Will and I do Order that in the first place all my Just Debts and Funeral Charges be paid and satisfied. ITEM I give to my well beloved Sons Jenkin and Thomas Phillips whome I likewise Constitute made and Ordain my only sole Heirs and Executors and my Brother Jenkin Phillips a Executor with my Sons Jenkin and Thomas Phillips whome I make my whole Sole Heirs both of Lands a State to them and there Heires and assigns forever of this my Last Will and Testament all and singular the Lands Messuages and Tenements to them there heires and assigns forever Equally Divided Between them my two Sons and as for any other heir of Executor or Administrator to my as State ther is none or shall be any as this my last Will and Testament to them there heires and Assigns forever and I do hereby utterly Disallow Revoke and Disannul all and every other former Testament & Will Legacies and Executors by me in any ways before this time named Willed & Bequeathed, Ratifying and Confirming this and no other to be my Last Will and Testament and as for my Loving Wife Joana she shall have her Maintainance with my two Sons Jenkins and

Thomas Phillips out of my aState and as for my two Sons Milford and John Phillips and my Daughter Cathrone Phillips or either of them ther heirs which shall or will Claim any Rite to my Est. my three Executors or one of them shall pay them and each of them one Shilling starling and no more this is my Last Will and Testament IN WITNESS whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal

THOMAS <sup>his</sup>  
X PHILLIPS Senuer (Les)  
mark

Signed Sealed Published )  
Pronounced )  
as his Last Will and Testament )  
Presentes of us the Subscribers)

JONAS POTTS - Blacksmith  
THOMAS PHILLIPS - Wagnar  
MARY PHILLIPS

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At a Court continued and held for Loudon October 15 1766 This Will was proved by the oath of Jonas Potts (Blacksmith), Thomas Phillips (Waggener) and Mary Phillips the witnesses thereto and Ordered to be Recorded And on the motion of Jenkin Philips Junr and Thomas Phillips two of the Executors therein named who made Oath according to Law Certificate is Granted them for obtaining a Probate thereof in due form giving Security Whereupon they together with Thomas Philips (Wagener) and Samuel Butcher there Securities entered into and acknowledged there Bond in the Penalty of





NOTE:- The Hamiltons and Montgomerys came to Louisville with the Hunters; later the Hamiltons moved to Mississippi. S. B. H.

Lydia, married to Thomas Ludlow Clark and had a daughter, Johanna Ann, who married her first cousin once removed, Samuel Phillips (Under Phillips 121).

Hannah who married Williams R. Duberly.

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In the name of God amen -

I give and bequeath to my Son Thomas Phillips six hundred and sixteen Acres and two thirds of an acre of land lying in Jefferson County it being the land whereon the said Thomas Phillips formerly lived to him and his Heirs forever. I also give to the said Thomas Phillips one Lot of

ground in the town of Louisville adjoining the public square and described and known on the plan or Map of said Town by number 178 It being the lot whereon a man by the name of Kelly now resides to him and his Heirs forever. I likewise give to my said Son Thomas Phillips the tract of land whereon I now live which I suppose to contain three hundred acres be the same more or less by his paying to his Brothers and Sisters the sum of five thousand five hundred Dollars to him and his Heirs forever - But it is now to be clearly and perfectly understood that the said five thousand five hundred Dollars is to be paid in three equal and annual Instalments.

I also give to my said Son Thomas Phillips the following Negros to wit. Antrim Tom Priscilla and her four children by name Stephen Izarel Cal and Burr Them and their future increase to him and his Heirs forever -

ITEM I give and bequeath to my Son Richard Phillips the whole of my land lying on the North-eastwardly side of the South form of Beargrass Creek and adjoining the lands of David L. Ward General Jonathan Clark's Heirs and the land whereon William Oldham at present resides which I suppose to contain two hundred and fifty acres be the same more or less, it being the land whereon my Son Richard Phillips formerly lived and which said land is now occupied by a part of the Negros belonging to my Son Richard Phillips to him and his Heirs forever. I also give to my Son Richard Phillips two hundred

Acres of land lying in the Illinois Grant now in the State of Indiana and known by number twelve to him and his Heirs forever. I likewise give and devise to my Son Richard Phillips the equal one half of another tract of land lying in the aforesaid Grant and State of Indiana and known by number one hundred and sixty one and supposed to contain five hundred acres to him and his Heirs forever. I also give the said Richard Phillips the Choice of two lots in the Town of Louisville One lying on Market Street and known and described on the plan or Map of said town by number 119 and Deeded to me by John Saunders and the other known and described on the plan or Map of said Town by number 209 and lying on Jefferson and second Cross Streets to him and his Heirs forever.

But it is clearly and expressly my wish that my son Richard Phillips shall declare his said Choice of the said lots within six Months after my Death in writing and have the same proved or acknowledged and recorded which shall as effectually vest in him his Heirs and assigns the title to the lot so chosen as if the same had been herein specially devised to him I also give to my Son Richard Phillips the following Negros to wit John Spruce Sal and her four Children by name Hannah Lewis Alexander and Bill Them and their future increase to him and his Heirs forever.

ITEM I give and devise to the Children of my Deceased Son Samuel Phillips One Lot in the



Town of Louisville known and described on the plan or Map of said town by number 175 One hundred and seventy five and which said lot adjoins the public square to them and their Heirs forever. I also give to the aforesaid Children of my deceased Son Samuel Phillips the equal half of a Tract of land formerly known by the name of the Illinois Grant now lying in the State of Indiana and known by number 161 to them and their Heirs forever. I likewise give to the aforesaid Children of my deceased Son Samuel Phillips the following Negros to wit - Dice and Charlotte together with both their present and future increase to them and their Heirs forever

ITEM I give to the Children of my Daughter Hannah Duberly two Negros byname Rachel and Liz with both their present and future increase to them and their Heirs forever. I also give and devise to the Children which my Daughter Hannah Duberly now has or which she may hereafter have two hundred Acres of land lying in the County of Jefferson and about five Miles from Louisville on the waters of Shivelys Mill Creek which land is to be taken off of the south east line of my thousand Acre Survey and to be laid off in a convenient form and not to extend to either corner and to begin about One hundred and forty poles from the north east corner to them and their Heirs forever.

ITEM I give and devise to the Children of my Deceased Daughter Catharine Hunter the following Negros to wit - Pat and her Child the

name of which I do not at present recollect and also Keziah Jeremiah and three other Negros which I purchased of One Wilhout and which said Negros I lent to my son in law Joseph Hunter for and during his natural life. The aforesaid Negros at the death of their Father Joseph Hunter I leave to the Children of my Daughter Catharine with both their present and future increase to the Children aforesaid and their Heirs forever.

ITEM I give to my Daughter Ann Hamilton One Thousand Acres of land lying in Hardin County waters of Green River Entered in the name of Rheuben Triplett and Patented in my own name to her and her Heirs forever. I also give to my Daughter Ann Hamilton three Negros by name Betty Beck and Bill them and their increase to her and her Heirs forever.

ITEM I give and devise to my Daughter Lydia Clark Three hundred and twenty five Acres of land in Jefferson County known by the name of the Duck Spring Tract it being the land whereon she now resides to her and her Heirs forever. I also give to my daughter Lydia Clark Eleven Negros byname Eff Catharine Henry Jane Tracy Tom Liz James Evan Mary and Rody which said Negros I have lent her husband Ludlow Clark for and during his natural life but at his death it is my wish and desire that they should descend with their increase to my Daughter Lydia Clark and her Heirs forever.

ITEM I give to my Daughter Susan Riley One

Negro woman by name Yellow Mary her and her present and future increase to her and her Heirs forever. I also give to my Daughter Susan the whole of the Money arising from the sale of seven hundred and fifty acres of land lying in Montgomery County on the waters of Grassy Lick Creek a branch of Licking River to her and her Heirs forever -

ITEM I give to my Grand Daughter Lucy Ann Hamilton the only surviving Child of my Deceased Daughter Elanor Hamilton the following Negros to wit - Lynia Bill Kitty Alfred Dick Charles and Nelly which said Negros I have lent her father Charles Hamilton who intermarried with my Daughter Elanor. But at the death of the aforesaid Charles Hamilton it is my wish that the aforesaid Negros with both their present and future increase should descend to Lucy Ann Hamilton and her Heirs forever

ITEM I give to my Grand Daughter Hannah Hunter One Negro Girl named Violet her and her increase to the aforesaid Hannah and her Heirs forever

ITEM I give to my Grand Daughter Mary Hunter One Negro Girl named Ratchel her and her increase to the aforesaid Mary and her Heirs forever.

ITEM I give to my Grand Son Jenkin Phillips One Negro Boy named Peter to him and his Heirs forever.



ITEM I give to my Grand son Jinkin Phillips Son of Thomas Phillips One Negro Boy named James to the aforesaid Jenkin and his Heirs forever.

ITEM I give to my Grand Daughter Lucy Ann Hamilton One Negro Girl named Matilda which said Negro Matilda is now is the possession of her Father Charles Hamilton to her and her Heirs forever.

ITEM it is my wish and desire that my Negro Woman Nell at my death shall be immediately set free

ITEM it is my wish and desire that all the rest and residue of my Estate real personal and mixed be equally divided amongst all my my Children and the Grand Children of my Deceased Son Samuel Phillips And also the Grand Children of my Deceased Daughter Catharine Hunter takeing the share of their deceased Parent and no more that is to say One equal Eighth part.

ITEM I hereby Constitute and appoint my two Sons Thomas Phillips and Richard Phillips Executors of this my last will and Testament

it is further my wish and desire that my Executors are not to give accounty - In Testimony whereof I have here unto set my hand and seal this twenty ninth day of November 1819.

Signed in  
presence of

JENKIN PHILLIPS (Seal)

SAMUEL CHURCHILL

JOHN DOWNING

-----  
JAMES R. WILLIAMS

(The original wil folded at this place and on upper margin, that is on the right margin to the right of James R. Williams' signature on the same page appears:)

JENKIN PHILLIPS

Will

Feby 11th 1822 proved  
& OR & T Phillips  
qualified as Exor

(Continuing on same page)

State of Kentucky

At a County Court held for Jefferson County at the Court House in Louisville on the eleventh day of February one thousand eight hundred and twenty-two The foregoing Instrument of writing was produced in Court and proved to be the last Will and Testament of Jenkin Phillips deceased late of said County by the oaths of Samuel Churchill John Downing and James R. Williams the subscribing Witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded and is recorded - And on the motion of Thomas Phillips one of the Executors therein named who made oath according to law execution and letters testamentary of the last will was granted him without giving security and leave was given to Richard Phillips the other Executor named in the said will to join in the probate if he shall choose.

Test WARDEN POPE Clk

JENKIN PHILLIPS

Recorded in will Book

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W. J. HUNTER

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In THE NAME OF GOD AMEN THE Twelfth Day of September anno Domini 1769 I Samuel Butcher of The Parish of Cameron & County of Loudon & Colony of Virginia Farmer being very Sick & weak in body but of perfect mind & memory Thanks be given to God Calling unto mind the mortality of my Body & knowing that it is appointed for all Man once to Die do make and ordain this my last Will & Testament. That is to say Principally & first of all I Give & Commend my Soul unto the hands of God that gave it & Body I recommend to the earth to be Buried in Decent Christian like maner at the Discretion of my executors, Nothing doubting but at the General Resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God & as touching such Worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this life I give demise & dispose of the Same in the following manner & form.

Inprimis: I order & appoint Jenkin Phillips & Benjamin Overfelt to be my whole & sole Executors to pay my Funeral Debts & Costs & also all other Debts that is against my worldly Estate.

Inprimis: I Give & Bequeath to Susannah my Dearly Beloved Wife, after my Decease the whole of my plantation untill my beloved Son Samuel Butcher arrives to be to the age of one and twenty years with what stock she pleaseth to keep & the two negroes & after Samuel arrives to twenty one Years I give her two Cows & my Brown mare, Side-saddle & Bridle with all the household furniture & the Negroes to be Sould if she thinks fit in a Twelve Month after my Deceas & the Money to equally Divided between her & Seven Children.

Item: give to my well beloved Son Samuel Butcher after he comes to the age of twenty one Years my whole plantation that I now Live upon with all the undivided land that Lyes between John Butcher, Benjamin Overfelt, Jenkin Phillips, Susannah Butcher & the Lott it was lait out for Else Peirce with horses or mares not exceeding Eight years old & Geers Plow & Plow irons & all the utensils of Husbandry with four Cows Six Sheep that his Mother shall Give him for the benefit of the plase while he is under age.

Item: I Give to my Eldest Son John Butcher the Sum of Twenty pounds Current Money of Virginia to bee paid him by my Executors in a

year by Deaseas & Cut him off from any other Claim whatsoever.

Item; I Give to my well beloved daughter Hannah Phillips one Hundred & seventy acres Joining the Land of Peter Romine Senior to her & her Heirs & & & their Heirs & Assignes for Ever.

Item: I give my well beloved Daughter Elese Peirce that Plantation that I have lately purchased of John Palmer Containing 235 acres I Give to her at her Death then it is to bee Sould & the money to bee equally Divided between (The rest of) my Children & Wife excepting my Son John & the Cost of the law Sute to bee paid out of my Estate that she is to have it clear of all encumbrance. and the money to bee Equally divided between my Wife and seven Children John excepted.

ITEM: I Give and do Order that one Bond Due from Samuel Butcher Junior in Pennsylvania of 40 pounds being Dated 1765 with one year interest to be equally Divided amongst my seven Children as soon as Executors can get it after my Disease the 2 youngest children part Namely Samuel and Jane to bee put on Interest by my Executors till they come of Age. Like wise the Interest of 500 pounds due to 20 Day of october next to bee equally divided between my Seven Children ye 2 youngest parte to be put at Interest as before mentioned. Then the Interest of the said 500 pounds I give to well beloved Wife



as long as lives then after her Death I give it as followeth

ITEM: I give to my Daughter Elizabeth 20 pounds part of the 500 pounds and the remainder of the 500 pounds to bee equally divided among my Seven Children John only excepted, Elizabeth to have her equal share beside ye 20 pounds.

And I do hereby utterly revoke and disannul and every other form or Testament, Wills, Legacies and Bequests and Executors by me in any way before named willed and Bequeathed Ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last will and testament.

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & Seal the Day and Year above Written.

Note: I Give unto my Daughter Hannah Phillips the Child that my Negro Wooman is big with if it is a Girl but if it is a boy I give it to my Son Samuel & I do Give 2 acres of land to the use of the Baptist meeting House & School House the same that the meeting House is now built upon to bee for that use forever this 6 lines added before the Will was Signed.

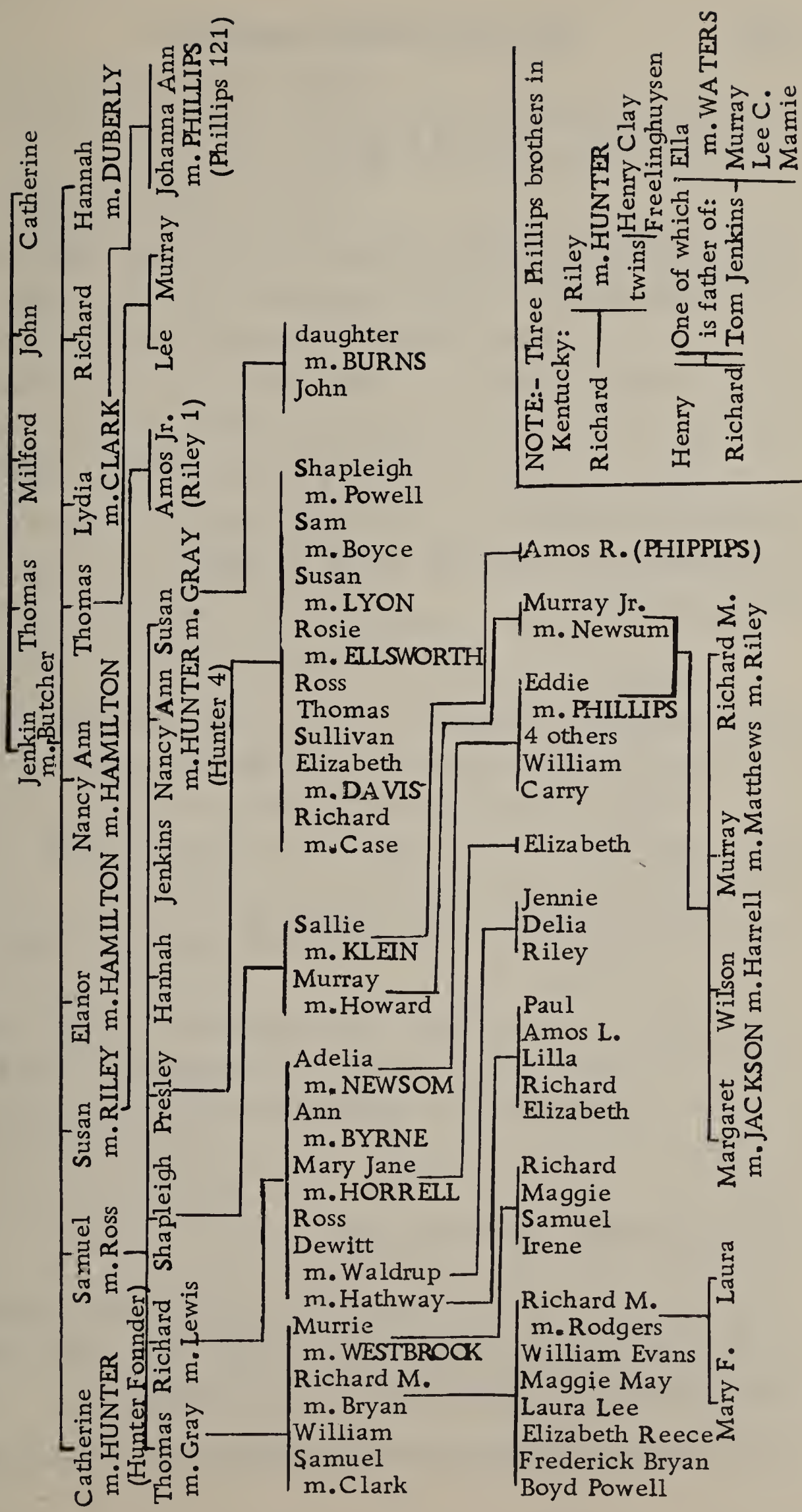
SAM BUTCHER (L s)

Signed Sealed published pronounced and declared by the said Samuel Butcher Senior as his last Will and Testament in the presence of us the Subscribers



# THE JENKIN PHILLIPS FAMILY

(Son of Thomas and Joanna Phillips of Virginia)





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## PHILLIPS, SAMUEL

(.. . . . -.. . . . .) He was the son of Jenkin and Hannah Butcher Phillips. He married Elizabeth "Betsy" Ross (.. . . . 1769- .. . . .) in Louisville, Kentucky, on January 6, 1799. They came to New Madrid with Joseph Hunter, his brother-in-law, in 1805. Samuel was a member of the first Territorial House of the Missouri General Assembly, and took part in The Battle of the Sink Hole in 1815.

Their children were:

Thomas (121)

Richard (122)

Shapleigh (123)

Presley (124)

Hannah

Jenkins, unmarried.

Nancy, who married David Hunter (See Hunter 4)

Susan, who married Drakeford Gray and had a son, John, and a daughter who married Lee Burns of Cape Girardeau.

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## PHILLIPS, THOMAS

(.. . . . -.. . . . .) He was the son of Samuel and Elizabeth Ross Phillips. He married Elizabeth Gray and had the following:

Samuel who married Johanna Ann Clark

but had no issue.

William, a bachelor and unreconstructed rebel who died in Louisiana.

Richard M. (1213)

Murrie who married Dr. Richard Westbrook and has four children: Irene, Samuel, Maggie, and Richard.

122

## PHILLIPS, RICHARD

(... .. -... ..) He was a son of Samuel and Elizabeth Ross Phillips. He married Elizabeth Crow Lewis (... .. -17 Mar. 1828) and had the following children:

Lilbourn who married Mary Hathway and had Elizabeth, Richard, Lilla, Amos L., and Paul who died at twenty-four.

Dewitt who married Jennie Waldrup and had three children: Riley, Delia, and Jennie. Dewitt later married Daisy Newsum.

Ross who never married.

Mary Jane who married Dr. Elijah Horrell and had a daughter, Elizabeth.

Ann who married Napoleon Byrne but had no issue.

Adelia "Delia" who married Fred D. Newsum (See under Phillips 123) and had seven children, among them Carry, William, Eddie who married Murray Phillips Junior on 25 January 1900 and had Richard M., who married Dorothy Riley;

Murray, who married Virginia Matthews, daughter of Charles D. Matthews II of Sikeston; Wilson, who married ..... Harrell; and Margaret, who married Dr. .... Jackson.

## PHILLIPS, SHAPLEIGH

(Louisville, Kentucky .. .... 1802-.. ....  
.....) He was the son of Samuel and Elizabeth Ross Phillips. He married Sallie Graves and had the following children:

Murray (9 Jan. 1847-.. ....) who married Annie Howard on 12 August 1876, and had a son, Murray Junior, who married his second cousin, Eddie Newsum-- (See under Phillips 122).

Sallie "Sarah" who married Louie Klein; Their son Amos R., a bachelor, changed his name to Phillips.

## PHILLIPS, PRESLEY

(.. .... -.. ....) He was the son of Samuel and Elizabeth Ross Phillips. He married Susan Ross and they had the following children:

Richard who married ..... Case.

Elizabeth who married Charles Davis of St. Louis.

Sullivan who married in Texas.



Thomas.

Ross who never married.

Rosie who married William Ellsworth.

Susan who married Louis Lyon.

Sam who married Bettie Boyce.

Shapleigh who married Linda Powell, but  
had no children.

1213

PHILLIPS, RICHARD M.

(.. .... -.. .... ) He was the son  
of Thomas and Elizabeth Gray Phillips. He mar-  
ried Eliza Bryan and had the following children:

Boyd Powell (.. .... -.. .... 1873).

Frederick Bryan (9 Mar. 1855-9 Dec. 1905).

Elizabeth Reece, who died when ten years  
old.

Laura Lee (.. .... 1860-.. .... ).

Maggie May (.. .... 1863-3 June 1880).

William Evans, who died when two years  
old.

Richard M. (12137)

Eliza Bryan's letter in 1816 to Reverend Alon-  
zo Dow gave one of the best extant descriptions  
of the New Madrid Earthquakes in 1811 and 1812.  
She was the mother of Eliza Bryan Phillips.

12137

PHILLIPS, RICHARD M.

(24 Mar. 1870-26 Nov. 1946) He was the son of  
Richard M. and Eliza Bryan Phillips and grand-

son of Eliza Bryan of earthquake fame. He was educated in Christian Brothers College in St. Louis. For many years he was closely associated with your writer (Stephen B. Hunter) in enterprises in Sikeston, Cape Girardeau, and Jefferson City, Missouri.

He married "Kate" Rodgers, daughter of James and sister of Harris D. Rodgers of Benton. Harris D. was for many years chairman of the Missouri State Highway Commission.

Richard and "Kate" had two daughters:

Mary F. (31 Oct. 1909-... ..) is Assistant Librarian in the Public Library of Portland, Oregon.

Laura (12 Oct. 1911-... ..) is a public school teacher in Oregon.

NOTE:- Three Phillips brothers--Richard, Henry, and Murray--lived in Kentucky. One of them was the father of Tom Jenkins Phillips who married Annie Maulsby and had the following offspring: Ella, who married Dr. Louis Waters, Junior; Murray, a dentist; Lee C., living in New Madrid; and Mamie, demented.

Richard Phillips married Lydia Riley, sister of Judge Amos Riley and had a son Riley who married Jane Hunter (Hunter 4) a daughter of David Hunter; and twin daughters given the names Henry Clay and Freelinghuysen after popular political figures of the day.

S. B. H.

## Chapter Thirteen

### THE AMOS RILEY FAMILY

The Riley family name may have at one time had an "O" before the Riley which was dropped after they came to America.

#### RILEY, AMOS

Amos Riley was born in Montgomery County, Maryland; moved to Jefferson County, Kentucky, where he married Susan Phillips (Under Phillips 1) daughter of Jenkin Phillips of Louisville, Kentucky, who was born in Virginia. (See Will of Jenkin Phillips). Amos Riley and his wife Susan moved to Daviess County, Kentucky, where they spent the remainder of their lives. He was a well-to-do man.

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#### RILEY, AMOS

Amos Riley was the son of the original Amos Riley; was born in Jefferson County, Kentucky, June 10, 1810. He grew to manhood in Daviess County, Kentucky. He was married to Lucy Ann



Hamilton, a daughter of Charles Hamilton of Claiborn County, Mississippi, and the granddaughter of Jenkin Phillips of Louisville, Kentucky. Amos Riley and Lucy Ann Hamilton were married in Louisville, Kentucky, December .. 1833, although she was born and made her home in Claiborn County, Mississippi. They located in Kentucky but in 1837 Amos Riley came to New Madrid and bought three hundred acres of land to which he moved his family in 1844.

Amos Riley and Lucy Hamilton Riley were first cousins. Amos Riley served as Judge of the County Court of New Madrid County and was one of the most prominent and substantial men of his county.

The Rileys celebrated their Golden Wedding in 1883 and at that time this aged couple were very impressive and attractive. They had a gentleness of manner and of address that impressed all who knew them most favorably.

The children of Judge and Mrs. Amos Riley of New Madrid County were good men and women and were outstanding citizens who were well-liked. They were:

Charles H., married Elizabeth "Betty" Hunter (See Hunter 43).

Amos C., was a Confederate officer killed at Atlanta near the end of the Civil War.  
William who was a farmer in New Madrid County, Missouri, and had a son, Wil-



JUDGE AMOS RILEY  
of  
New Madrid, Missouri

liam who accumulated a large acreage of land and operated on a large scale, specializing in livestock.

Ellen, wife of Amos R. Hathway; moved to San Luis Obispo, California.

Lucy (See Byrd 34).

Henry C. (. . Dec. 1850 - . . . . .) married Jennie Howard, daughter of Judge J. H. Howard, in May 1877. Judge "Harry" Howard, as he was called, served as County School Commissioner, County Prosecuting Attorney, then for several years was the Judge of the Circuit Court for the district in which New Madrid County is located. He was educated at Kentucky Military School and St. Louis Law School. Judge and Mrs. Riley had a daughter Dixie who married Chris Bock, and had a son Henry Junior who also served the New Madrid District as Circuit Judge.

E. T. "Ned" married but had no issue.

Chillion, lived in various states in the West and died in Oklahoma.

Davis B., a very prominent and excellent citizen of New Madrid, married and is survived by the following children: John, married to Beulah Henson and living in Cape Girardeau has a daughter, Edwina who married Wayne A. Frederick of New Orleans; Fanny, who married Sam Fine (now deceased) and had Lee and Sam B.;



Amos Riley  
of Maryland  
m. Phillips  
(Under Phillips 1)  
|  
Amos Riley  
of Kentucky  
m. Hamilton

Charles H.  
m. Phillips  
Amos C.  
William  
Ellen  
m. HATHWAY  
  
Lucy  
m. HORRELL  
  
Henry C.  
M. Howard  
  
E. T. "Ned"  
Chillion  
Davis B.

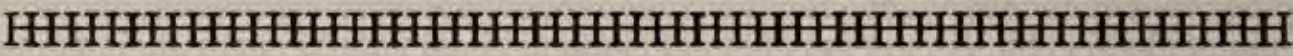
Amos C.  
William L.  
Samuel H.  
Lulu  
William  
Orra Louise  
Mary  
m. LEMMONS  
William Amos  
Hartz  
John A. "Jumbo"  
Mattie  
Camden  
Stephen Byrd  
Edwin Chillion  
Dixie  
m. BOCK  
Henry Jr.  
John  
m. Henson  
Fanny  
m. FINE  
Edna  
m. MUELLER  
Amos  
m. Hamilton  
Davis B. Jr.  
Marguerette  
Nannie  
m. SCHUCK  
Lee Hunter

Edwina  
m. FREDERICK  
Lee  
Sam B.  
Paul A.  
m. Dailey  
Harriett  
m. HOWARD  
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4 girls  
3 boys  
John  
Anthony  
Susan  
Lee Hunter Jr.

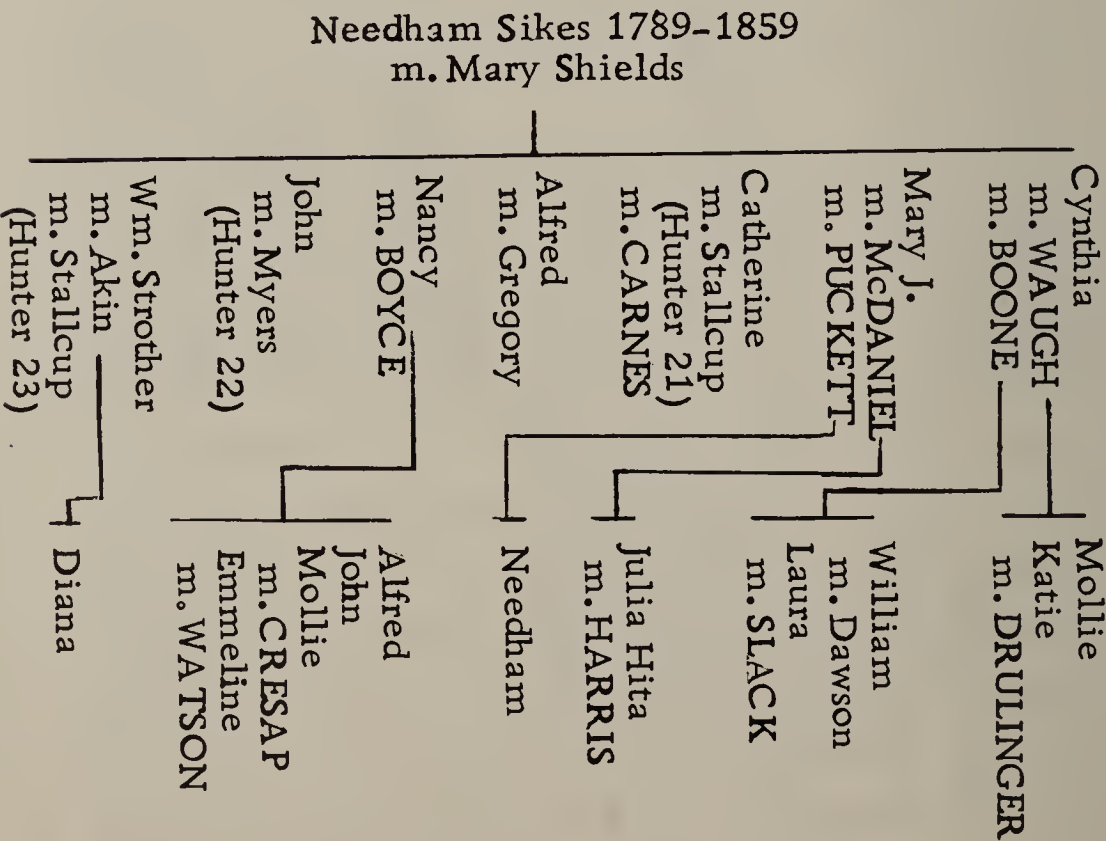
THE  
AMOS RILEY  
FAMILY

AMOS RILEY 1

Edna now Mrs. Paul Mueller, mother of Paul A., attorney of Jackson, who married Marybelle Dailey and has Paul-ette and Janet Lloyd, and of Harriett who married W. H. Howard and has a daughter, Julia Reeder; Davis B. Junior who has four girls and three boys; Amos who married Adell Hamilton and has daughters Harriett Ann and Betty Lou; Marguerette who is unmarried; Nannie who married Edward Schuck of Jackson and has John and Anthony; and Lee Hunter who has two children, Susan and Lee Hunter Junior.



THE NEEDHAM SIKES FAMILY



## Chapter Fourteen

### THE NEEDHAM SIKES FAMILY

#### SIKES, NEEDHAM "NEDHAM"

(27 Mar. 1789 - 15 Nov. 1859) He came to Missouri from North Carolina in 1813.

He married Mary Shields (... .. - ... ..); they had eight children:

William Washington (1)

John (5 Apr. 1816 - 23 Dec. 1867); in 1844 he married Catherine Stallcup Myers (See Hunter 22).

Nancy (8 Apr. 1820 - 14 May 1866) who married Franklin Boyce and had: Emmeline who married a Watson; Mollie who married a Cresap; John; and Alfred.

Alfred (9 Oct. 1822 - 1 Feb. 1875) who 25 December 1863 married Anna Smith Gregory; no issue.

Catherine (13 May 1825 - 3 June 1833) who married first James Stallcup (See Hunter 21) Her second husband was John Carnes (... .. 1822 - 16 Dec. 1873).

Mary J. (8 Oct. 1827 - 22 Dec. 1893) who married R. C. McDaniel and had Julia



Hita who married Cyrus Harris. In July 1866 Mary married William C. Puckett; they had one child, Needham Sikes.

Cynthia (23 Jan. 1830-19 Apr. 1882); she married first James Waugh and had two children, Mollie and Katie (who married a Drulinger). Later she married Henry Boone and had two children: Laura who married a Slack, and William who married Nell Dawson.

Sarah E. (18 July 1833-1 July 1835).

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## SIKES, WILLIAM WASHINGTON

(8 Feb. 1814-26 Dec. 1853) He was the son of Needham and Mary Shields Sikes. He married .....Akin; they had one child, Diana, who died young.

Later William married Lydia Stallcup (See Hunter 23). Their children were:

Laura Williams (See Hunter 231)

Francis "Frank" Marion (See Hunter 232)

William Washington Junior (See Hunter 233)

This you readily see leads right back into the Hunter line.

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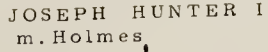


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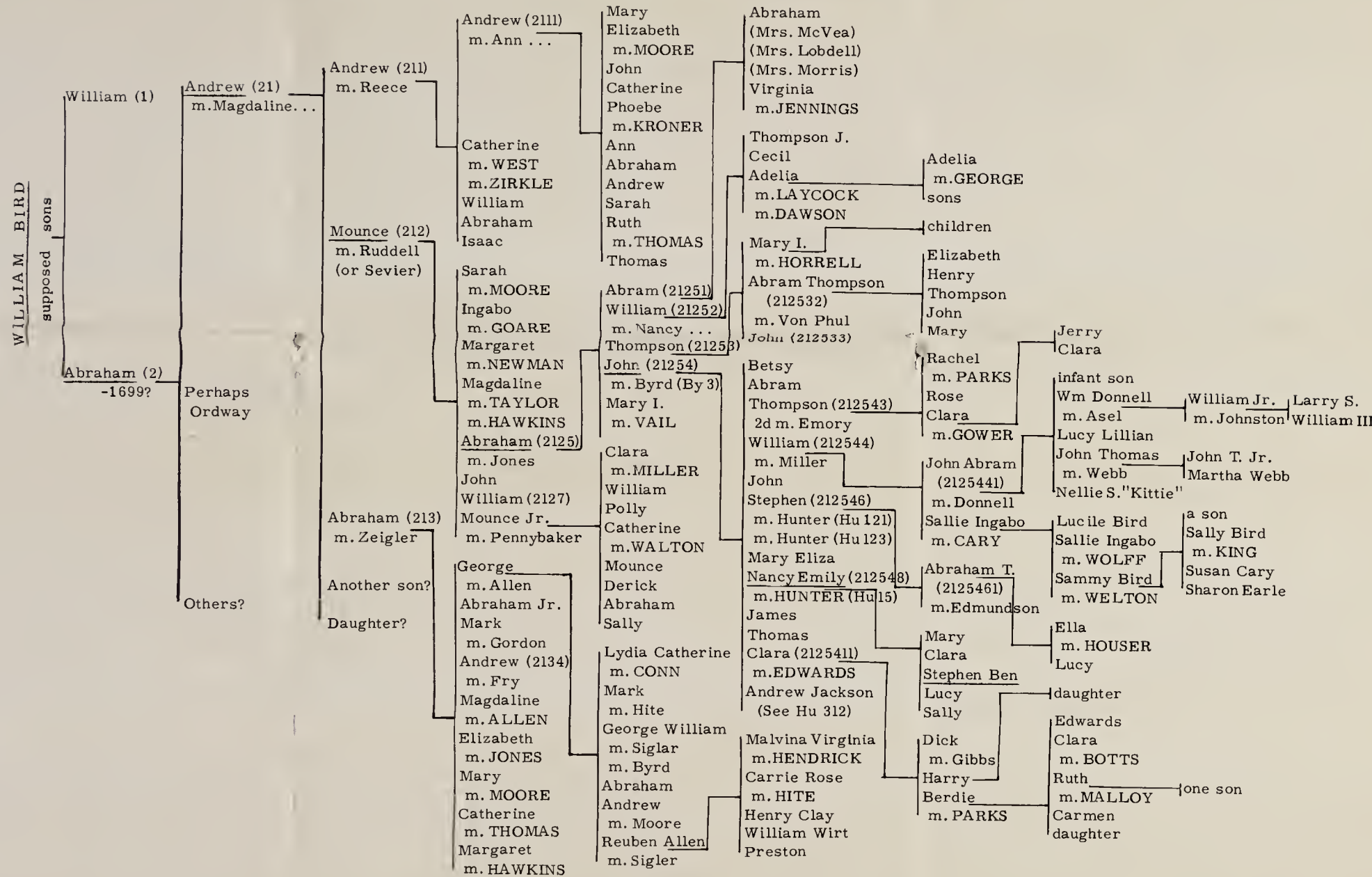
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